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of
Royal Arch Masons
of Alberta
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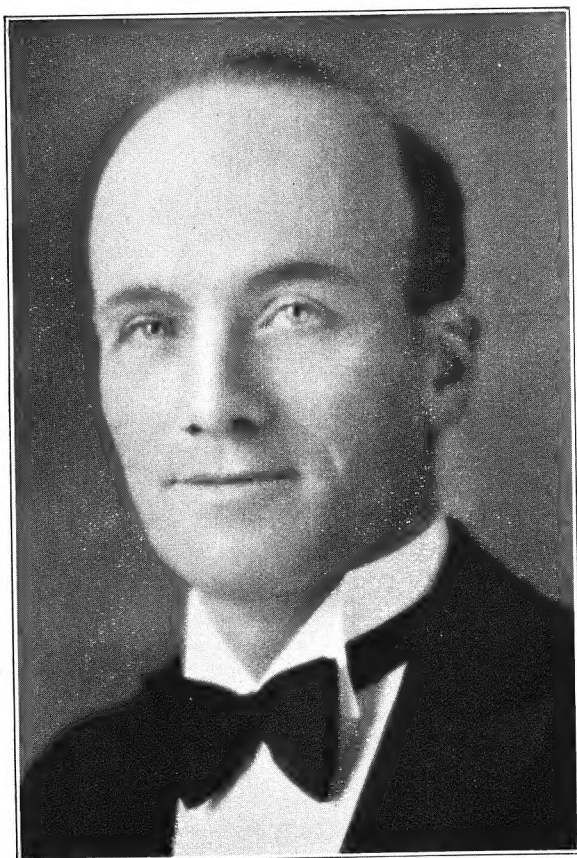
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Grand First Principal

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Most Excellent Companion "Archie" (a Companionable diminutive) West is the son of Scottish parents, and was born in Montreal, Quebec, on July 6th, 1881.

In the days of his youth there was about this Great West country a glamour that attracted irresistibly the adventurous young men and women of the Eastern cities, so perhaps it was inevitable that "Archie", who, after his public and high school education, had embarked upon and successfully emerged from a course in chartered accountancy, should turn his face to the setting sun and "Come West."

His destination proved to be the City of Edmonton, where he settled down to the business of life. A few years passed, and he found himself in a position for which he was peculiarly fitted, being elected to the important office of Bursar of the University of Alberta, a post he filled and continues to fill, with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the authorities.

In 1909 he "took unto himself a wife"—Miss Louise Umbach, the marriage being solemnized at Edmonton. Their family consists of a girl and three boys.

Most Excellent Companion West's Masonic career began when, on November 17th, 1904 he was initiated in Edmonton Lodge, No. 7. In due time he successfully held every office but one in this Lodge.

Exalted to the Holy Royal Arch degree in North Star Chapter, No. 2, on October 24th, 1905, his zeal and indefatigable efforts resulted in his occupancy of all the official positions in the Chapter.

Knighted in Edmonton Preceptory, No. 46, he served in all its offices. He has been a member of the Supreme Council of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada for the past ten years, and was Provincial Prior for the Alberta District in 1914.

He is a member of the Lodge of Perfection, of Mizpah Chapter, and of The Alberta Consistory, Ancient and Accepted Scottish

Rite bodies of Edmonton, and is a Noble of Al Azhar Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Calgary.

In the year 1933-34 he was District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 3, Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

He is a Major in, and Paymaster of the Canadian Officers Training Corps associated with the University of Alberta, and in his "spare time", in obedience to an ancestral urge, indulges with abandon in the mystic rites of Scotia's national recreational game on the course of the Mayfair Golf Club.

Tolerant in his religious outlook, sentiment and inclination draw him to the Presbyterian Church of Canada in general and to the First Presbyterian Church at Edmonton in particular.

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The supreme honour of Capitular Masonry in Alberta, as elsewhere throughout the Masonic world, is given to men whose mental qualities, upright character and moral worth fit them to use the gift in the service of mankind and to the glory of an Order based firmly on a foundation of human brotherhood and Divine love. In the ranks of these, Companion West stands—a peer amongst his peers.

PROCEEDINGS
of the
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at the
Twentieth
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1934

Held in the
City of EDMONTON, Alberta
March 21st, 1934

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Minutes of the Proceedings of the Twentieth Annual Convocation
of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, held in the
City of Edmonton, Province of Alberta, on the 21st day of March,
A.D. 1934, A.I. 2464.

OFFICERS PRESENT

M. E. Comp. Archibald West.....	Grand First Principal
M. E. Comp. Frederick S. Watson.....	Past Grand First Principal
M. E. Comp. Melvin M. Downey.....	Past Grand First Principal
M. E. Comp. George B. McLeod.....	Past Grand First Principal
M. E. Comp. William T. Coote.....	Past Grand First Principal
M. E. Comp. Edwin G. Ironside.....	Past Grand First Principal
M. E. Comp. James R. Flan.....	Past Grand First Principal
M. E. Comp. John W. G. Morrison.....	Past Grand First Principal
M. E. Comp. James A. McGhee.....	Past Grand First Principapl
M. E. Comp. Joseph V. Follett.....	Past Grand First Principal
R. E. Comp. Andrew Davison.....	Grand Second Principal
R. E. Comp. Walter E. Mercer.....	Grand Third Principal
R. E. Comp. William H. Scott.....	Grand Supt. District No. 1
R. E. Comp. Alfred G. B. Lewis.....	Grand Supt. District No. 4
R. E. Comp. Alex. Riddick.....	Grand Supt. District No. 6
R. E. Comp. William C. Black.....	Grand Treasurer
R. E. Comp. Cyril A. MacPherson.....	Grand Scribe E. (Secretary)
R. E. Comp. Edward A. Shaw.....	Grand Scribe N.
R. E. Comp. William W. Pratt.....	Grand Principal Sojourner
R. E. Comp. Walter Hill.....	Grand Registrar.
M. E. Comp. James R. Flan.....	Grand Lecturer
V. E. Comp. Garnet L. Tipp.....	Grand Senior Sojourner
V. E. Comp. George Blythe.....	Grand Pursuivant
V. E. Comp. William Betts.....	Grand Steward
Comp. John L. Johnstone.....	Grand Tyler

DELEGATES PRESENT

Alberta Chapter, No. 1, Calgary

M. E. Companion J. A. McGhee; R. E. Companions W. W. Pratt, F. J. Hand; V. E. Companions Frank Milne, W. D. King; E. Companions H. E. Kelly, H. D. Fawcett.

North Star Chapter, No. 2, Edmonton

M. E. Companions F. S. Watson, G. B. McLeod, A. West; R. E. Companions G. W. Elliott, A. B. McCurdy; V. E. Companion G. L. Tipp; E. Companion William Orr.

Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3, Medicine Hat

E. Companion C. W. Niblock.

Shekinah Chapter, No. 4, Lethbridge

R. E. Companion J. E. Rannard.

Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 6, Wetaskiwin

E. Companions E. Warren, J. Callahan.

Bekah Chapter, No. 7, Macleod

V. E. Companion W. Betts.

Kether Chapter, No. 8, Pincher Creek

V. E. Companion L. W. Walkey; E. Companion A. M. Blackburn.

Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, Calgary

M. E. Companions J. R. Flan, J. V. Follett; R. E. Companions W. E. Mercer, A. Carr, C. T. Valentine, F. Truesdale; E. Companion F. Bentley.

Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10, Gleichen

R. E. Companion A. G. B. Lewis.

Calgary Chapter, No. 11, Calgary

M. E. Companion E. G. Ironside; R. E. Companions W. C. Black, A. Davison.

Keystone Chapter, No. 12, Red Deer

M. E. Companion W. T. Coote; E. Companions D. P. Cronquist, F. P. Galbraith.

Capital City Chapter, No. 13, Edmonton

R. E. Companions D. McIntosh, R. M. Lambertson, F. Summerill, A. Riddick, W. Hill, K. Fraser; V. E. Companion D. McLean; E. Companions G. Rait, J. Cleveley, T. McWhirter, C. F. Bradford, G. B. Thorn.

Vermilion Chapter, No. 14, Vermilion

M. E. Companion J. W. G. Morrison; R. E. Companion W. H. Scott; V. E. Companion H. P. Long; E. Companion Harry Scott.

Hillvue Chapter, No. 15, Hillvue

R. E. Companion G. Cruickshank.

Tau Cross Chapter, No. 16, Claresholm

R. E. Companion A. Davison (Proxy).

Mount Olivet Chapter, No. 17, Killam

R. E. Companion W. J. Haynes; E. Companion F. Grandage,
W. D. Murray.

Norwood Chapter, No. 18, Edmonton

R. E. Companion J. H. Richardson; E. Companions A. Russell,
G. Greive, J. G. Walker; V. E. Companion G. Blythe.

Hiram Chapter, No. 19, Youngstown

M. E. Companion J. V. Follett (Proxy).

Banff Chapter, No. 20, Banff

E. Companion H. Manley, R. R. Coysh.

Strathmore Chapter, No. 21, Strathmore

R. E. Companions W. E. Mercer, H. W. B. Bell.

Joseph Stauffer Chapter, No. 22, Didsbury

M. E. Companion J. A. McGhee; V. E. Companion J. Lester
Clarke.

Crescent Chapter, No. 24, Calgary

M. E. Companion M. M. Downey; R. E. Companion C. A. Mac-
Pherson; V. E. Companions G. L. Chesney, F. W. Keyte.

Strathcona Chapter, No. 25, Edmonton

R. E. Companion H. Sandilands; V. E. Companions H. C. Neal,
T. W. Bull, F. Booth, A. Robinson, O. J. Barker; E. Companions D.
H. Gillis, J. H. Sandilands.

Harmony Chapter, No. 26, Bassano

M. E. Companion J. R. Flan; V. E. Companion H. W. Ford.

Eheyeh Chapter, No. 27, Drumheller

M. E. Companion J. V. Follett; E. Companions J.^s G. Harrison,
C. Christian.

Hanna Chapter, No. 28, Hanna

M. E. Companion Archie West (Proxy).

David Thompson Chapter, No. 29, Jasper

R. E. Companion E. A. Shaw; E. Companion A. T. Gray.

Edson Chapter, No. 30, Edson

M. E. Companion M. M. Downey (Proxy).

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified representatives, the Twentieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Alberta was opened in AMPLE FORM at 9:50 o'clock a.m., March 21st, 1934.

M. E. Companion West expressed his pleasure at seeing so many present, and requested M. E. Companion Downey to give the Invocational Prayer.

PRAYER

Supreme Architect and Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the kind providence which permits our presence in this Convocation today.

We are grateful for the good fellowship which prevails, and pray that it may continue. Help us to realize Thy friendly interest at all times, and we thank Thee in advance for what we anticipate of Thy gracious presence.

Today we specially pray for those who were bereaved of their loved ones during the past year—those Companions who fell at their posts.

We ask Thee to give us needed direction at this time and during our deliberations.

For all Thy blessings we thank Thee.—*Amen.*

RECEPTION OF VISITORS

M. E. Companion Ironside was asked to retire and introduce the visitors.

M. E. Companion Ironside: Most Excellent Sir, it indeed affords me pleasure to introduce to you, and the officers and companions of this Grand Chapter, M. E. Companion Dart, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba, and M. E. Companion Costor, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan.

M. E. Companion West: Most Excellent Companions, I can assure you it is a great pleasure to welcome you to our Twentieth Annual Convocation. You have both come a long way to visit us, and we trust that your stay will be pleasant and enjoyable, and that you will carry back with you to your respective Grand Chapters our fraternal love and best wishes for continued progress and prosperity.

CIVIC WELCOME

R. E. Companion Davison: Most Excellent Sir and Companions, I think this is the first occasion in the history of this Grand Chapter that the Mayor of one of our cities, who also is a member of our Grand Council, has been delegated to introduce the Chief Magistrate of the city in which our annual Convocation is being held. It is my very great privilege to present to you Companion Daniel K. Knott, Mayor of the City of Edmonton, who will extend to us a civic welcome. Two years ago His Worship performed a similar function when last we met here. At that time, while he was a member of Empire Masonic Lodge, he was not a companion of the Royal Arch. Last night he was exalted to this Supreme Degree, so he can claim to be the youngest Royal Arch Mason present. As Mayor of the City of Calgary I know how busy His Worship must be, and how many calls are made on his time. We appreciate very much his kindness in being present this morning. It

is with the greatest of pleasure, Most Excellent Sir, that I introduce to you, and through you to the companions present, His Worship the Mayor of Edmonton.

M. E. Companion West: Companion Knott, it is indeed a very great pleasure to receive you this morning, both in your official capacity as Mayor of the City of Edmonton and as a member of this Grand Chapter. The situation is a unique one in two respects. We have, as participants in this ceremony, two Mayors of important cities in Alberta: the one, His Worship the Mayor of Calgary; the other, His Worship the Mayor of Edmonton. The former will, we hope, assume the most exalted office of this Grand Chapter; the latter may be designated our youngest member. I shall now, without taking up further time, proceed and ask you to be good enough to come to the East.

Mayor Knott: Most Excellent Sir and Companions, I esteem it a high honor to appear before the Grand Chapter this morning to extend a welcome to the delegates attending this Convocation of Royal Arch Masons.

Two years ago I had the honor of being present at your gathering and appreciated that privilege. Today, as a member of the Royal Arch, it is a high honor to be welcomed to this gathering by my old friend His Worship Mayor Davison of Calgary, who I understand will be elected as Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Alberta at today's session, and I wish to express my deep appreciation of his very kind introduction and to offer to him my sincerest congratulations on his elevation to the high office which he is about to assume.

I understand you wish to complete the business of the Convocation today. Therefore I will not take up much more of your time.

Most Excellent Sir, allow me to express to you, and through you to the companions, my sincere best wishes and hopes that this gathering will prove profitable to yourselves personally, and to the organization in general. I trust that you will carry away pleasant recollections of your stay in Edmonton.

REPLIES OF VISITORS

M. E. Companion Dart: Most Excellent Sir, I bring greetings to this Grand Body from the Grand Chapter of Manitoba. The glowing reports we have received of your doings, your reputation for making your guests happy, made me desirous of visiting you. I have known many of your Past Principals for years, meeting with them in the East, North and South, and I am happy to say that the bonds of friendship have been more strongly cemented, especially with M. E. Companions McLeod and Follett.

The friendly relations existing between the Grand Chapters of Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan enable us to co-operate for the good of Capitular Masonry in general and by continuing to work harmoniously, especially during times like these, we shall doubtless accomplish much good.

Coming from a city so much larger than this, I was surprised to find such a fine Temple, and I will have much to tell of your meeting and of your splendid home when I return. Your difficulties are similar to those of our own and are no doubt due to present conditions; yet in spite of these, at our last Convocation we had the largest attendance in our history, some one hundred and five delegates being present.

My one regret, Most Excellent Sir, is that you were unable to attend our Convocation, as it would have afforded me a great deal of pleasure to have received you on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba. I heartily thank you for the warm welcome you have given me.

M. E. Companion Costor: Most Excellent Sir, as the representative of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan, I want to thank you for your cordial reception. I did not come here to make a speech, but as an envoy of loving friendship, bringing you the best wishes of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan.

As you have only one day to review the work of the year, pass new resolutions, elect your officers, and transact all the business of Grand Chapter, I will not take up any more of your time, but will listen with interest to your debates, learn the way you endeavor to solve your problems and thereby acquire some knowledge that will enable me to grapple better with the difficulties that face us in Saskatchewan.

A report of progress was submitted by R. E. Companion Elliott, on behalf of the Committee on Credentials.

On the motion of R. E. Companion Elliott, seconded by R. E. Companion Hill, it was

RESOLVED, that the Preliminary Report of the Committee on Credentials be received and adopted.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Follett, seconded by R. E. Companion Shaw, it was

RESOLVED, that the reading of the Minutes of the last Convocation be dispensed with, they having been printed and distributed to the Chapters and others, and that the recorded minutes be considered as read and the same be now confirmed.

ADDRESS

of the

Grand First Principal

To the Members of the Grand Chapter
of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

My Companions:

It is indeed a great pleasure to extend to each of you a most cordial and fraternal welcome to this the Twentieth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, and it is my sincere hope that our deliberations, which we are now happily able to enter into in our beautiful Masonic Temple, may prove to be both pleasant and profitable to all who later take part in them.

In presenting to you an account of the work accomplished during my year of office, may I again express to you my high appreciation of the confidence shown by you a year ago, when you placed in my hands the emblem of authority of this Grand Chapter. The year, as I look back on it now, seems to have been the shortest in my experience, containing only days enough to accomplish part of the work I had planned to do in the interest of this Grand Chapter, but it has been a year of great happiness to me, and one which I shall long cherish in my memory as the most pleasant period of my life.

When with some diffidence I accepted office a year ago, I realized that I was undertaking a great responsibility, but in serving you I have enjoyed such co-operation and fraternal fellowship as to reward me richly and encourage me to trust that some small measure of success has been attained.

NECROLOGY

We pause at this time to pay silent tribute to the worth and memory of companions called from labor here to the Grand Chapter Beyond, naming first in affectionate remembrance:

WILLIAM MILLER McNAB,
Grand First Principal, 1927
Born May 10th, 1871
Died July 16th, 1933

The death of M. E. Companion McNab removes one of the familiar figures of Grand Chapter; a companion devoted to the interests of Capitular Masonry, who gave unstintingly of his time and talents to the development of an Order he loved so well. I desire to pay a tribute to his memory and to express the appreciation and gratitude of this Grand Chapter for his valuable contribution to our welfare. A Masonic funeral was conducted by Ivanhoe Lodge, this Grand Chapter being represented by M. E. Companions, McLeod, Downey,

Coote and myself; R. E. Companions Sandilands, McIntosh, Baxter McCurdy, Summerill and Hill, and a large number of companions of Capital City Chapter, of which he was a member, and of the other Chapters in this city.

We record also with regret the death, on July 4th, of R. E. Companion Pinkerton, Past Grand Superintendent of District No. 4, who was killed by a neighbor's bull which he was trying to put out of his field. On June 15th we visited together at Otuskwan Chapter, Calgary, little thinking that it would be the last time for us to sit in Chapter together. A Masonic funeral was conducted by his Craft Lodge, and this Grand Body was represented by R. E. Companion A. Davison, Grand Second Principal; M. E. Companion J. V. Vollett, and R. E. Companion C. A. MacPherson, Grand Scribe E.

The deceased companions of the subordinate Chapters will be fully dealt with by the Committee on Fraternal Dead.

Since our last annual Convocation we have been notified of the deaths of the following Most Excellent Companions of other Grand Jurisdictions:

Alabama—Leonidas W. Kolb, P.G.H.P.
Arkansas, Edgar Allen McCulloch, P.G.H.P.
Florida, Louis Conrad Massey, P.G.H.P.
Georgia—H. Warner Hill and C. Percy Taylor, P.G.H.P's.
Illinois—Andrew J. Schattgen, P.G.H.P.
Kansas—Perry M. Hoisington and William F. March, P.G.H.P's.
Kentucky—John G. Orndorff and George A. Lewis, P.G.H.P's.
Louisiana—Brittian B. Purser, Theo. Roehl and Henry A. King, P.G.H.P's.
Minnesota—Thomas Morris, P.G.H.P.
Missouri—Edward F. Von Gunden, P.G.H.P.
Nebraska—Benjamin F. Thomas, Frank E. Bullard and W. L. Spear, P.G.H.P's.
Nevada—Hosea E. Reid, P.G.H.P.
New Jersey—Charles R. L. Reinhart and William H. Lowe, P.G.H.P's.
New York—George A. Newell, P.G.H.P.
Nova Scotia—Jacob Millar Owen, P.G.H.P.
Ohio—Orion P. Sperra, P.G.H.P.
Oregon—Emanuel Northup, Grand Chaplain Emeritus; L. Livermore Pearce and John K. Kollock, P.G.H.P's.
South Carolina—James E. McDonald, P.G.H.P.
Tennessee—Charles Comstock, James H. Swan, P.G.H.P;
Vermont—Henry H. Ross, P.G.S.
Virginia—Isaac H. Adams, P.G.H.P.
Washington—Walter L. Darby, P.G.H.P;
West Virginia—Luther H. Clark, P.G.H.P;
Wisconsin—Aldro Jenks, Rockwell J. Flint, P.G.H.P.
Wyoming—A. Kell, P.G.H.P.

We extend to the relatives, the Chapters and companions of this Jurisdiction, and to those of other jurisdictions who have been similarly bereaved, our sincere sympathy in the losses they have sustained.

For ourselves, the roll-call of our departed companions reminds us of that Great Beyond, which at times seems so far away from us, but which, with each passing year, comes nearer to us all.

*"It seemeth such a little way to me
Across to that strange country—the Beyond,
And yet not strange, for it has grown to be
The home of those of whom I am so fond.
They make it seem familiar and most dear
As journeying friends bring distant regions near."*

VISITATIONS

April 11th—My first official visit was to my own Chapter, North Star, No. 2. I had the pleasure of investing and installing into office R. E. Companion A. Riddick, as Grand Superintendent of District No. 6, and investing V. E. Companion Tipp, Grand Senior Sojourner; V. E. Companion George Blythe, Grand Pursuivant, and Companion J. L. Johnston, Grand Tyler. There was a large attendance of companions present, including M. E. Companions Watson, McLeod and Coote, and R. E. Companions Sandilands, McCurdy, McIntosh Summerill, Elliott and Hill. A banquet, with short addresses, brought to a close an occasion which was enjoyable in every way.

June 9th.—I visited officially Capital City Chapter, No. 13, and I was most cordially received. The Royal Arch Degree was conferred by E. Companion Clevely and his officers in a very excellent and impressive manner. A number of past and present Grand Chapter officers were present as well as a large number of visiting companions. This meeting was both interesting and instructive and was much enjoyed by all. Refreshments were served in the dining room of the Temple.

June 13th—My next official visit was to Vermilion Chapter, No. 14, accompanied by R. E. Companions Riddick and Baxter and V. E. Companion Tipp. Owing to motor engine trouble we did not arrive until after the Chapter had closed. However, the banquet had been delayed until our arrival, and we were very warmly welcomed and enjoyed a pleasant social time with the companions. This Chapter has an exceptional set of officers—R. E. Companion Bell, Grand Director of Ceremonies being Scribe E.; R. E. Companion Scott, Grand Superintendent of District No. 1, and M. E. Companion Morrison are members of the Chapter. I am looking forward to visiting this Chapter in the very near future.

June 21st.—I visited officially Joseph Stauffer Chapter, No. 22, Didsbury. This was also the occasion of the official visit of the Grand Superintendent of District No. 3, R. E. Companion G. R. Hains, who was accompanied by twenty-five companions from Calgary. It was also the occasion of a fraternal visit of Keystone Chapter, No. 12, Red Deer. The Royal Arch Degree was conferred by the officers of Joseph Stauffer Chapter in a very capable manner. After the close of the meeting, all repaired to a banquet presided over by M. E. Companion McGhee. It was a happy occasion and the utmost good feeling and enthusiasm prevailed.

June 22nd.—I visited officially Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 6, Wetaskiwin, accompanied by R. E. Companions Baxter and Hill and V. E. Companion Tipp. The attendance was not very large, but those present were very enthusiastic and interested. the Excellent First Principal, although present, was but just recovering from an illness

so the chair was taken by E. Companion Finch. R. E. Companion Wallace, Scribe E., having had the misfortune to fall and break a rib, was absent. After certain parts of the Work had been explained and demonstrated we repaired to a banquet, which was very much enjoyed.

June 30th.—I visited officially Edson Chapter, No. 30, Edson, accompanied by R. E. Companions Riddick and Thomson and E. Companion Shaw of Jasper Park. Although no degree was conferred, several sections of the Work were exemplified and all questions answered satisfactorily by R. E. Companion Riddick. A banquet followed which was presided over by E. Companion Deacon.

August 24th.—I journeyed to Jasper Park, accompanied by R. E. Companion Riddick, to attend a Convocation of David Thompson Chapter, No. 29, but as the hall was not available, a meeting was not held. However, a meeting of the officers was held at the home of Companion T. H. Young, Scribe E., when finances, Work and other Chapter matters were discussed. The books and records of this Chapter are in good order.

October 20th.—I attended officially the joint district meeting of Districts Nos 1 and 6 held in the Masonic Temple, Edmonton. The officers of North Star Chapter, No. 2, opened the meeting, and after officially welcoming the Grand Superintendents, R. E. Companions Scott and Riddick, R. E. Companion Scott assumed the chair and carried on the meeting. I was then officially received as the Grand First Principal, and was accompanied by M. E. Companions McLeod, Downey, Coote and Morrison and other Grand Chapter Officers. I had the pleasure of presenting M. E. Companion McLeod with a Past Grand First Principal's regalia. R. E. Companion Riddick answered all questions satisfactorily, peace, harmony and good fellowship prevailing throughout the meeting. Capital City Chapter, No. 13, closed the meeting, after which a buffet lunch was served.

October 12th.—I attended officially the meeting of District No. 2, held at Coronation, being accompanied by M. E. Companion Flan, Grand Lecturer, and R. E. Companion McCurdy. The meeting was opened by Coronation Chapter, No. 23, and officially received R. E. Companion Webb, Grand Superintendent of this District. R. E. Companion Webb then assumed the chair, and I was officially received as the Grand First Principal. I had the pleasure of investing V. E. Companion Humphreys as Grand Steward. Eheyeh Chapter, No. 27, Drumheller, exemplified the Most Excellent Master's Degree in a most excellent manner, for which they were very properly congratulated by the Grand Lecturer, who also answered all questions regarding the Work and who gave a splendid talk on Capitular Masonry which was greatly enjoyed by all. The meeting was closed by Hanna Chapter, No. 28, after which all repaired to an excellent banquet given by Coronation Chapter, No. 23, and presided over by R. E. Companion Webb.

October 12th.—I attended officially the meeting of District No. 5, held in the Masonic Hall, Claresholm. I was accompanied by M. E. Companion Middleton. Due to a delay caused by a large truck being stalled on the highway I was late and the meeting was in session on my arrival, but I was very cordially received as the Grand First Principal. During the meeting I endeavored to answer all questions asked. On account of the state of the roads principally, Shekinah, Assiniboia and Hillvue Chapters were not directly represented, R. E. Companion Mack reporting for them. An excellent banquet and entertainment were provided by the Tau Cross Chapter, No. 16.

October 30th.—I attended officially the joint meeting of Districts Nos. 3 and 4, held in the Masonic Temple, Calgary. The meeting was opened by the officers of Crescent Chapter, No. 24, and the District Superintendents, R. E. Companions Hains and Lewis, were officially received, after which R. E. Companion Hains took the chair. I was then officially received as the Grand First Principal. V. E. Companion Frank Milne gave a detailed explanation of the system of commutation of dues as adopted by Alberta Chapter, No. 1, and R. E. Companion Haslam, of Claresholm, gave a very instructive address on "Masonic Signs" which was greatly enjoyed. The meeting was closed by Alberta Chapter, No. 1, after which a very pleasant time was spent at the banquet table.

November 15th.—I visited officially Mount Olivet Chapter, No. 17, at Killam, and was accompanied by R. E. Companion Riddick. The Chapter was opened in due form with E. Companion Tye as E. First Principal. I was then officially received as the Grand First Principal. The Chapter business was conducted orderly and in a proper manner. There was no degree work. The attendance was small as some of the roads were practically impassable. However, those present were very enthusiastic. The difficulties of this Chapter appear to have been overcome and hopes are bright for the future. Refreshments were served and concluded a pleasant and happy evening.

December 1st.—I visited officially Strathcona Chapter, No. 25, accompanied by M. E. Companions McLeod, Downey and Coote and many other Grand Chapter officers. This was the night of installation of officers, and the ceremony was performed most efficiently by R. E. Companion Sandilands. After the close of the Chapter, all repaired to the banquet table, where short addresses were given by Grand Chapter officers and other companions.

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January 4th.—I visited officially Norwood Chapter, No. 18, accompanied by M. E. Companions Downey and Coote, R. E. Companion Davison, Grand Second Principal, and other Grand Chapter officers. This was the occasion of a joint installation of officers with Capital City Chapter, No. 13. The installation ceremony was conducted by R. E. Companion Summerill assisted by other Grand Chapter officers. Chapter being closed all repaired to the banquet room, where speeches and entertainment completed a very enjoyable evening.

January 11th.—I visited officially Strathmore Chapter, No. 21, on the occasion of the installation of officers, the installing officers being R. E. Companion Mercer, Grand Third Principal, assisted by M. E. Companion Follett and other Grand Chapter officers. An impressive ceremony. I wish to thank M. E. Companion Follett for driving me in his car from Calgary. Refreshments and a social hour followed the close of the meeting.

January 10th. I visited officially Shekinah Chapter, No. 4, Lethbridge, on the occasion of the installation of officers, the installation ceremony being conducted by R. E. Companion P. Cull, in a very capable manner. A number of Companions were present from outside points. Refreshments and a sociable time followed.

January 18th.—I visited officially Keystone Chapter, No. 12, Red Deer. The Mark Master Mason Degree was conferred by the officers in very excellent manner, after which R. E. Companion Stephenson, assisted by V. E. Companion Mitchell, installed the elected and appointed officers for 1934. At the close of the meeting, complimentary remarks were made by the Grand Chapter officers and

other companions on the very excellent manner in which the degree had been conferred and the installation ceremony performed.

I again visited this Chapter officially on the occasion of its Twentieth Anniversary and Re-union. M. E. Companion Coote, assisted by Past Principals, conferred the Holy Royal Arch Degree in his usual capable manner. After the roll call of Charter members, of whom ten were present, a certificate of life membership was presented to R. E. Companion W. E. Lord. After the meeting, all repaired to St. Luke's Hall for dancing, cards and a banquet, at which addresses were given by Grand Chapter officers and other companions.

In addition to the official visits recorded, I have accompanied several of the Grand Superintendents on their official visits to the Chapters of their Districts, and as they have referred to my presence at these meetings I have omitted mentioning them in my report.

I have also attended many of the regular meetings of the various Chapters unofficially, but I do not think it necessary to chronicle these in this report.

I desire at this time to commend the manner in which the Grand Superintendents have discharged their duties. Practically every Chapter I visited expressed appreciation of the visits of the Grand Superintendents and of the kindly and instructive manner in which they had answered any question. With pride and satisfaction I am able to report that peace and harmony prevail throughout our Grand Jurisdiction even in these trying times. It is worthy of note that every Chapter within our Grand Jurisdiction has been visited officially by its Grand Superintendent.

I have therefore much pleasure in recommending to the Committee on Capitular Masonry that the rank of Past Grand Superintendent be conferred upon:

- R. E. Companion W. Hudson Scott, District No. 1.
- R. E. Companion A. J. Webb, District No. 2.
- R. E. Companion G. R. Hains, District No. 3.
- R. E. Companion A. G. B. Lewis, District No. 4.
- R. E. Companion E. H. Mack, District No. 5.
- R. E. Companion A. Riddick, District No. 6.

The Superintendents elected for 1934 are:

- R. E. Companion G. L. Tipp, District No. 1.
- R. E. Companion C. E. Sowden, District No. 2.
- R. E. Companion F. W. Keyte, District No. 3.
- R. E. Companion C. Scaife, District No. 4.
- R. E. Companion L. W. Walkey, District No. 5.
- R. E. Companion G. Rait, District No. 6.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS APPROVED

Alberta, No. 1—Amendment re Commutation of dues.

Assiniboia, No. 3—Change date of election from December to November and the dues of a dual member to two dollars.

Hillvue, No. 15—Change of Fee for Exaltation from sixty to thirty-five dollars.

Coronation No. 23—Change date of meeting to Third Thursday.

Harmony No. 26—Change of fee to thirty-five dollars.

Hanna, No. 28—Change date of meeting from Third Thursday to Third Wednesday.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

Alberta, No. 1—To change date of Regular Meeting from the 2nd to the 4th Monday.

North Star, No. 2—To confer the Degrees of M.E.M. and H.R.A. on the one day.

Bekah, No. 7—To install Companion Snyder as Second Principal H., he not having served as Third Principal J.

Bow Valley, No. 10—To confer the Degrees of M.M.M., M.E.M. and H.R.A. on Brother Harrison on July 11th.

Calgary, No. 11—To hold a Joint Installation with Otuskwan, No. 9.

Keystone, No. 12—To elect and install a Treasurer out of time.

Capital City, No. 13—To hold a Joint Installation with Norwood, No. 18.

Hillvue, No. 15—To install out of time.

Norwood, No. 18—To install E. Companion Walker as First Principal Z., he not having served as Second Principal H. To install E. Companion Luciw as Second Principal H., he not having served as Third Principal J.

Hiram, No. 19—To install E. Companion McKellar as First Principal Z., he not having served as Second Principal H., and Companion Steckle as Second Principal H., he not having served as Third Principal J.

Hiram, No. 19—To install out of time.

Strathmore, No. 21—To install Companion Slater as Second Principal H., he not having served as Third Principal J.

Eheyeh, No. 27—To install Companion Christian as Second Principal H., he not having served as Third Principal J.

APPOINTMENTS APPROVED

Grand Representatives near other Grand Chapters:

Arkansas—Companion E. G. Turner, Helena, Arkansas.

Alabama—Companion D. G. Carmichael, Dothan, Ala.

Illinois—Companion W. Sayre, Chicago, Ill.

New Mexico—Companion H. H. Errett, Clayton, New Mexico.

Nova Scotia—Companion J. E. Phinney, Middleton, Nova Scotia.

Queensland—Companion R. A. L. Peterson, Brisbane, Q.

Victoria—Companion T. Allen, Terang, Victoria, Aus.

APPOINTMENTS

Representatives of other Jurisdictions near this Grand Chapter:

New Mexico—V. E. Companion G. L. Tipp, Edmonton, Alta.

Ohio—R. E. Companion J. Richardson, Edmonton, Alta.

INVITATIONS FROM OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS TO ATTEND CONVOCATION

It is no doubt desirable that a Grand First Principal should be able to visit each Chapter in his Grand Jurisdiction, and that visits to outside Grand Jurisdictions may also properly be undertaken by him. This year, however, I have kept steadily in mind the necessity of limiting travelling expenses, and am happy to report that, as a result, we end the year with a balanced budget. The Grand Chapter

of Manitoba invited me to attend their Annual Convocation, but, instead of attending personally, I delegated M. E. Companion A. Little, who is an honorary member of this Grand Chapter, to represent me. He kindly undertook the commission, and reports as follows:

"Upon presenting my credentials as your representative, M. E. Companion Adolph, Grand Z., assured me that he deemed it an honor to have the privilege of welcoming an ambassador of M. E. Companion West, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Alberta. He was sorry that it was impossible for you to be here in person, but he felt that the felicitations extended by your representative were characteristic of Alberta's Grand Z., and he asked me to kindly reciprocate all the feelings I have expressed, and he hoped that the Grand Chapter of Alberta would have a very harmonious and happy Convocation at their Annual Communication on March 21st.

"The Convocation of our Grand Chapter was the best yet held, and we feel that greater things are in store for the advancement of the work of our great Order in Manitoba."

Similarly, M. E. Companion George F. Burgess represented me at the Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan, and writes thus:

"You having commissioned me to represent the Grand Chapter of Alberta at the Annual Convocation of Saskatchewan, held in Moose Jaw, on February 28th, 1934, I beg to report that I was introduced by R. E. Companion J. C. Moore, Grand Representative Alberta. I received a hearty welcome and was extended all honors due your exalted station. I am especially pleased to be able to bear you the greetings and good wishes of the companions of Saskatchewan. The pleasure was enhanced by the presence of M. E. Companion J. F. Dart, Grand Z. of Manitoba, and R. E. Companion Judge A. G. Burr, of Bismark, representing North Dakota. I tendered felicitations and good will of the companions of Alberta, and extended an invitation to the incoming Grand Z. to attend your Annual Convocation this month. I want to express to you my sincere thanks for all the courtesies extended to me, and wish for you a most successful Convocation."

An invitation from the Grand Chapter of British Columbia was received too late for arrangements to be made as to representation.

The General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America also invited representation, but as I had just returned from an extended trip to Eastern Canada and the United States, I advised the General Grand Secretary of my inability to accept the kind invitation.

Two Grand Superintendents refused to take any allowance for expenses last year; this together with the fact that no expenses were incurred by attendance at such distant Convocation, aided greatly in balancing our budget.

Anxious as this Grand Chapter is to allow its Grand First Principal all facilities in the way of carrying out his work as he would wish to do, I feel it to be of great importance for some time yet to bear in mind the desirability of keeping our budget balanced, and trust that not only will my successor see eye to eye with me in this respect, but that this general policy will meet with your approval.

INVITATIONS

Sent to the following Grand Jurisdictions to attend our Grand Convocation at Edmonton, March 21st, 1934.

The Grand Chapter of British Columbia.
 The Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan.
 The Grand Chapter of Manitoba.
 The Grand Chapter of Canada in Ontario.
 The Grand Chapter of Quebec.
 The Grand Chapter of Montana.

CONCLUSION

My year of tenure of the high office of Grand First Principal has afforded me opportunities of renewing and cementing more strongly some old and valued friendships and of making many new friends.

Because of what it has meant to me, the Royal Craft will always have my very warm encouragement and support, and its loyal members my very sincere regard.

I wish to thank the Past Grand First Principals and present Grand Chapter officers for the great assistance and able counsel they have always been so ready to give to Capitular Masonry at all times.

It has been my privilege to have had many sessions with our Grand Scribe E. whose administration of the affairs of his office has been admirable. I have noted the exact detail with which he has carried on the work and the ability he has displayed in straightening out and adjusting differences that had arisen in the records of Grand Chapter and the subordinate Chapters. I wish at this time to thank him for his great assistance to me. Everywhere throughout the Province during my visits I have heard nothing but praise for his conduct of the business of his important office.

In a few hours it will fall to me to relinquish office, and to induct the successor of your choice. I am proud to recall now the many expressions of friendship and esteem with which you have so generously rewarded my efforts to serve you in the Ancient Craft, and beg to assure you that the memory of this year will be preserved by me among life's choicest possessions.

I cannot wish for my successor anything better than that he should be given as warm and as generous support in his year of office.

I have the honor to leave with you now the record of the year's work, trusting that you may find it not unworthy of the confidence you have placed in me.

Fraternally submitted,

Archibald West

Grand First Principal.

On motion of M. E. Companion Downey, seconded by M. E. Companion Ironside, it was

RESOLVED, that the report of the Grand First Principal be referred to the Committee on the Grand First Principal's Address, with the exception of that part relating to past rank for Grand Superintendents, which shall be referred to the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WARRANTS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee on Warrants beg leave to report that no matters have come before them for consideration.

On motion by M. E. Companion Coote, seconded by M. E. Companion McGhee, it was

RESOLVED, that the report of the Committee on Warrants be received and adopted.

RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The Grand First Principal requested Grand Scribe E. to call the roll of Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions near the Grand Chapter of Alberta and the following answered to their names, and were assembled in front of the Altar:

R. E. Companion Sandilands, British Columbia.
R. E. Companion Elliott, Delaware.
M. E. Companion Morrison, District of Columbia.
R. E. Companion Cruickshank, Florida.
M. E. Companion West, Indiana.
R. E. Companion Truesdale, Kansas.
R. E. Companion Shaw, Louisiana.
R. E. Companion Mercer, Maryland.
M. E. Companion Flan, Michigan.
V. E. Companion Robinson, Mississippi.
R. E. Companion MacPherson, Missouri.
M. E. Companion Ironside, Nebraska.
R. E. Companion Lambertson, New Brunswick.
R. E. Companion Summerill, New Hampshire.
M. E. Companion Coote, New Jersey.
M. E. Companion McLeod, New York.
R. E. Companion Richardson, Ohio.
M. E. Companion Follett, Oklahoma.
M. E. Companion McGhee, Oregon.
R. E. Companion McCurdy, Quebec.
V. E. Companion Betts, Queensland.
R. E. Companion Davison, Saskatchewan.
R. E. Companion Bell, South Dakota.
R. E. Companion Black, Utah.
M. E. Companion Downey, Vermont.
V. E. Companion Walkey, Washington.
R. E. Companion Hand, West Virginia.
R. E. Companion Haynes, Wisconsin.

Greetings were extended by letter and proxy from the Representatives of Massachusetts, Montana, Scotland, South Carolina and West Australia, all of whom were prevented from attending by circumstances over which they had no control.

M. E. Companion West: It is indeed a very pleasant duty to welcome you as the Grand Representatives of Sister Jurisdictions to this our Twentieth Annual Convocation.

The relations existing between the Grand Chapter of Alberta and the Grand Chapters you represent are of the most friendly kind.

I extend Most Excellent and Right Excellent Companions, through you, to your respective Grand Chapters the love and fellowship of this Grand Chapter, and I would ask you to convey to them our felicitations and express our gratitude for the peace and harmony existing between the different Grand Bodies in all parts of the world.

R. E. Companion Davison: On behalf of the Grand Representatives of other Jurisdictions near the Grand Chapter of Alberta, I wish to thank you for your kind reception this morning. We are pleased to note that, despite prevailing conditions your term of office has proved comparatively successful, and we desire to congratulate you personally for your accomplishments. We sincerely trust the incoming year will prove equally as successful.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letters were read from M. E. Companions Johnson, Selwood and Burgess expressing their regrets at not being able to attend at this Grand Convocation.

Replies to invitations sent to the Grand First Principals and Grand Scribe E.'s of Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia were also read expressing their regrets; likewise one from the Grand Secretary of Montana.

Acknowledgement of their appointment as Grand Representatives of the Grand Chapter of Alberta near their own Grand Chapters were received from Companion Peterson of Queensland and Companion Carmichael of Alabama.

Letters expressing their regrets were received from the Grand Junior Sojourner, Grand Master of the 4th Veil and Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Grand Superintendents' Reports

DISTRICT No. 1

Vermilion, Alberta, January 24th, 1934.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

In view of the necessity for economy, I shall endeavor to make my report as Grand Superintendent of District No. 1, as brief as possible.

My official visits were as follows—

North Star Chapter, No. 2.—My first visit to this Chapter was on the evening of May 23rd. Earlier in the day the Mark Master and Most Excellent Master degrees had been conferred by the regular officers of the Chapter. The evening Convocation was unique, in that the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal himself, assisted by Grand Chapter Officers, past and present, conferred the Holy Royal Arch Degree on the candidate.

The whole ceremony was carried out with precision and dignity. M. E. Companion West was assisted by the following Grand Chapter officers: M. E. Companions Coote and Morrison; R. E. Companions McIntosh, McCurdy, Elliott, Lambertson, Richardson, Fraser, Sandilands; V. E. Companions Blythe, Barker, Tipp, and the District Superintendent.

I also paid an official visit to this Chapter on the 10th of October. Prior to the evening meeting a dinner was served—a most enjoyable function. The Most Excellent the Grand First Principal was in attendance as well as a number of companions from city Chapters. I was accompanied by R. E. Companion A. Riddick, Grand Superintendent of District No. 6; R. E. Companions Sandilands, Elliott, Summerill, and V. E. Companion Blythe.

The Royal Arch Degree was exemplified by E. Companion W. Orr and the officers in a most creditable manner. In looking over the records of Scribe E. I was impressed with the beautifully kept books and records of Companion L. H. Reilly.

Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 6.—I visited this Chapter at the regular meeting on September 28th. V. E. Companion Wm. W. Bell, Grand Director of Ceremonies, accompanied me from Vermilion. Owing to car trouble and the drive of 175 miles, we were somewhat late in arriving. The Grand First Principal, accompanied by M. E. Companion Downey and R. E. Companion Riddick and McCurdy, drove down from Edmonton to attend. There was no degree work. After the meeting a very enjoyable hour was spent at the banquet table, R. E. Companion F. B. Watson acting as toastmaster. The addresses by the Grand First Principal and the other speakers were inspiring and challenging.

Vermilion Chapter, No. 14.—I attended all the meetings of this Chapter during the year and paid an official visit on January 12th. At 6:30 p.m. the companions sat down to dinner. In spite of the fact

that numbers of the companions live at a considerable distance from Vermilion, I am glad to report that the attendance was the largest in years, one companion having driven some sixty miles, more than half this distance by team. I am not suggesting that my visit and address were responsible for the very gratifying attendance; rather, it was due, I think, to the innovation of the dinner preceding the meeting. I mention this merely to indicate what may be expected when officers arrange something different from the ordinary programme.

At the evening meeting, the Royal Arch Degree was exemplified very creditably by the First Principal, E. Companion Harry Scott, and his officers, who had been installed at the preceding meeting.

Mount Olivet Chapter, No. 17.—This Chapter is 90 miles from Vermilion. On my visit there on June 21st several Vermilion companions accompanied me. The difficulties of this Chapter led to some discussion in Grand Chapter a year ago. I am very glad to be able to report that the Chapter, during the past year, has had as First Principal E. Companion F. W. Tye, who also filled this office in 1921. I have no doubt his experience has been valuable to the Chapter.

The Mark Master Degree was conferred on a candidate at this meeting, the first for a number of years. The officers live at widely scattered points and rehearsals are difficult. A fine spirit, however, was in evidence. At the banquet table several worthwhile addresses were given, and special mention should be made of the remarks of Companion W. T. Lucas, M.P., (a member of the Chapter) on general world trends.

Strathcona Chapter, No. 25.—I visited Strathcona Chapter on November 3rd under very trying personal circumstances: after bidding what proved to be a last farewell to my aged father. My thoughts reverted to a happy boyhood in Strathcona a quarter of a century ago. The kind expressions of sympathy extended to me by the companions were consoling.

R. E. Companion R. H. Norton accompanied me from Vermilion. There was no degree work, but the election of officers took place and the business generally was conducted very efficiently by the First Principal, E. Companion J. H. Sandilands. The Grand First Principal, M. E. Companion Coote, and R. E. Companion Riddick and other Grand Chapter Officers were present and gave interesting addresses at the banquet table.

Joint District Convocation, Districts Nos. 1 and 6.—The Joint District Convocation of Districts Nos. 1 and 6 was held in the Masonic Temple, Edmonton, on November 20th, at 8 p.m. All the Chapters in District No. 1 were represented. Chapter was opened by the officers of North Star Chapter. Following the introduction of the District Superintendents, R. E. Companions Scott and Riddick, the Superintendent of District No. 1 took charge of the meeting. M. E. Companion A. West, Grand First Principal, and the large number of Grand Chapter Officers, past and present who accompanied him, were introduced. A resolution of sympathy to M. E. Companion Flan, who had recently lost his wife, was passed.

The Grand Lecturer, M. E. Companion Flan, being absent, R. E. Companion A. Riddick gave ruling on a number of important questions which had been submitted. The Grand First Principal gave it as his opinion that the custom of the Second and Third Principals sitting in the First Principal's chair and being designated as Worshipful Brothers.

and conferring the Mark Master and Most Excellent Master Degrees was unjustified.

M. E. Companion West gave a very interesting and inspiring address on Capitular Masonry, which was much appreciated. Other Grand Chapter officers spoke briefly. V. E. Companion G. L. Tipp was elected Grand Superintendent of District No. 1 for the ensuing year.

During the past year there have been very few applications for exaltation in District No. 1. This might be expected in view of existing conditions. It seems to me that if this condition teaches us this one lesson—that the work of the Chapter is not merely the exaltation of companions—as far as Capitular Masonry is concerned, the depression will have had one good result at least. There are other activities to which Chapters might well devote their attention these days. If sincere and persistent efforts are made to further interest and instruct in the fundamental principles of the Order those who are already exalted, my own impression is that Chapter work would be more interesting than the mere exemplifying of degrees and that empty chairs would gradually fill again and the dues problem solve itself.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the companions of District No. 1 for electing me to this high office. In the discharge of my duties I have travelled some 2,350 miles. It has been a rare privilege to meet and work with the splendid companions in the different Chapters in the District.

I wish to express my special thanks to M. E. Companion West, Grand First Principal; R. E. Companion Riddick, Grand Superintendent, District No. 6, and other Grand Chapter officers for their presence and support on many occasions.

Fraternally submitted,

W. HUDSON SCOTT,
Grand Superintendent, District No. 1.

DISTRICT No. 2

Coronation, February, 1934.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

As Grand Superintendent, I have the honor to submit my report for the past year on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in District No. 2. I find the Chapters are doing well taking into consideration the very depressing times we are going through. I regret that so many companions have had to be suspended for N.P.D. through no fault of their own, and I trust God will help them so they may be able to return to our fold in the near future.

Eheyeh Chapter, No. 27, Drumheller.—On September 1st I paid my official visit to this chapter, accompanied by R. E. Companion Fowler and Companion Fleming, and was given a hearty welcome.

E. Companion Humphreys being out of town R. E. Companion Anderson took the chair. There was no degree work, but we had

interesting discussions on the work and on the social part. This Chapter is to be commended on the interest taken by both officers and companions. After Chapter an enjoyable time at lunch was had by all.

Hiram Chapter, No. 19, Youngstown—On September 5th, accompanied by R. E. Companion Fowler and Companions Ballantyne and Fleming, I officially visited this Chapter. The attendance was small, due to harvesting operations and the companions being scattered over a wide area, but the enthusiasm of those present compensated for this. There was no degree work, and the usual business being finished the Chapter was closed in harmony. Subsequently lunch was served and some very interesting discussions were listened to. A visit to this Chapter is well worth while.

Coronation Chapter, No. 23, Coronation—On September 14th I officially visited my own Chapter. E. Companion Gerhart was in the chair. There was no degree work, but plenty of discussion on the work. This Chapter, owing to the trying times we are going through, has lost several companions through N.P.D., but it is hoped that the turning point has been reached. There is one application in and several prospects. After Chapter, lunch was served and some good speeches were made.

Hanna Chapter, No. 28, Hanna—On September 21st, accompanied by R. E. Companion Fowler and Companion Fleming, I paid my official visit to this Chapter. Chapter was opened with E. Companion Wylie in the chair. There was no degree work. The ordinary routine work was carried out in a businesslike manner. The desirability of having a social evening was debated and a committee appointed to act. This Chapter expects to change its meeting night to ensure a better attendance. Chapter was closed in harmony. After which all enjoyed a nice lunch and some good speeches.

District Meeting and Lodge of Instruction—This was held in Coronation on October 12th. The Chapter was opened by Coronation Chapter and I was welcomed as Grand Superintendent. The Grand First Principal was then welcomed and given Grand Honors, and the Grand Lecturer and R. E. Companion McCurdy were also welcomed and invited to the East. The M.E.M. degree was splendidly exemplified by Eheyeh Chapter and were warmly congratulated by the Grand First Principal. Companion Flan, as Grand Lecturer, then gave a very interesting talk on the historical parts of the Chapter and lucidly answered many complicated questions. The Grand First Principal's speech was greatly enjoyed. E. Companion C. E. Sowden, of Hanna Chapter, was elected Grand Superintendent for 1934. The Chapter being closed in harmony, a splendid banquet (during which speeches were made) terminated an interesting evening.

In conclusion, I desire to thank the companions of District No. 2 for their kindness shown in Chapter and outside. In electing me to this office they did me great honor and I hope I have given no cause for regret. I particularly wish to thank R. E. Companion Cuthbert Fowler and Companion Fleming for visiting the Chapters with me. To M. E. Companions A. West and J. Flan I tender thanks for advice.

With the passing of M. E. Companion McNab, Grand Chapter and District No. 2 have lost an efficient and valued companion. To these and to his sorrowing relatives District No. 2 proffers deepest sympathy.

Faternally submitted,

A. J. WEBB,
Grand Superintendent, District No. 2.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Calgary, February, 1934.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have the honor to submit for your approval my report as Grand Superintendent of District No. 3.

During my term of office I have visited every Chapter in this district, and the condition of those Chapters indicates that, while there is no increase in membership, there is real enthusiasm among the companions.

The manner in which the officers are performing their duties and conducting the business is to be highly commended. I am pleased to report the Chapters of District No. 3 in favorable condition financially with records kept up to date. The Chapters generally are very well furnished and hold their convocations amidst pleasant surroundings.

On May 10th I made my official visit to my own Chapter (Calgary No. 11). I was accompanied by several Grand Chapter officers and was very heartily received and welcomed by E. Companion Percy Stead, First Principal. There was no degree work. Alberta Chapter, No. 1, and Otuskwan, No. 9, were paying a fraternal visit and there was a very good attendance. The business was conducted in a very fine manner. Having addressed the companions, as did some other Grand Chapter officers, the Chapter was closed, and we adjourned to the banquet room, where we spent a very pleasant hour, partaking of refreshments, enjoying a musical programme and being entertained by Brother Rev. W. Hollingsworth, who delivered an address "Setting the Thames on Fire," which was greatly appreciated. My sincere thanks to Calgary Chapter for a very enjoyable evening.

On June 21st I had the pleasure of making my official visit to Joseph Stauffer Chapter, No. 22, Didsbury. I was accompanied by twenty-five companions from Calgary, comprising Grand Chapter officers and representatives from each of the City Chapters. M. E. Companion A. West, Grand First Principal, also attended officially. Keystone Chapter, No. 12, Red Deer, were paying a fraternal visit and had a good representation. The Holy Royal Arch degree was efficiently conferred on two candidates by the officers. At the close we were entertained in the banquet room, M. E. Companion Jim McGhee, P.G.Z., acting as toastmaster. Several visitors spoke and a very interesting address was given by M. E. Companion A. West, Grand Z. My sincere thanks to E. Companion R. Barrett and the members of the Chapter for holding this emergent convocation to suit my convenience.

On September 26th I officially visited Golden West Chapter, No. 5, High River, accompanied by R. E. Companion W. W. Pratt, G.P.S., E. Companion J. M. Donaldson, and Companions R. Swift and M. E. Keenan. I was very courteously received and welcomed. There being no degree work, I observed the capable manner in which the general business was conducted by E. Companion W. Roney. The books and records are properly kept by R. E. Companion W. B. Way.

On behalf of Golden West Chapter, I presented Companion P. G. Thomas with a life membership certificate. Companion Thomas

has been a very active member and held the office of Scribe E. for a number of years. I also presented E. Companion H. Springer with his Royal Arch Certificate, exalted in 1931 and installed Third Principal in 1933.

At the close of the Chapter, refreshments were served.

On Tuesday, October 24th, I unofficially visited Golden West Chapter, No. 5, the occasion being their annual game dinner. I was accompanied by about twenty-five companions from Calgary. Upon entering the Chapter room, we were greeted by the companions of the Chapter and invited to the banquet room, and proceeded to enjoy the partridges and other good things provided.

The social side of the meeting being over, the Chapter was opened in prescribed form by the visiting companions from Calgary. All four Chapters were represented, and when I requested a number of them to act as officers in opening and closing the Chapter, by invitation of Excellent Companion W. Roney, Z., and the companions of Golden West, No. 5, all those who were approached were delighted to assist, so that both Districts Nos. 3 and 4 were represented.

It was a Regular Convocation of Golden West Chapter, and the business was capably transacted.

The companions of Golden West Chapter thanked the visiting companions for opening and closing the Convocation and demonstrating the proper method of opening and closing the Chapter. I am confident that more gatherings of this kind should be arranged as nothing but good can result from such evidences of friendship and brotherly love. My sincere thanks to E. Companion W. Roney, officers and members of Golden West Chapter, No. 5.

On October 19th I made my official visit to Banff Chapter, No. 20, accompanied by nineteen Grand Chapter officers and companions from the various Calgary Chapters. No degree was conferred. A special feature was "Annual Roll Call." Attendance good. The business was very ably conducted by E. Companion T. W. Balderson, First Principal. Having addressed the Chapter very briefly, I surprised the companions by calling upon our good friend, M. E. Companion Dr. J. V. Follett, I.P.G.Z., who gave a very interesting address entitled "Fascist Italy and Italian Masonry," which was thoroughly enjoyed. I sincerely thank M. E. Companion Follett for his kindness in delivering this address on very short notice. At the close of the Chapter we adjourned to the banquet room and to a splendid dinner, under the direction of E. Companion R. R. Coysh, Third Principal. Another very pleasant evening.

A Joint District Meeting and Chapter of Instruction of Districts Nos. 3 and 4 was held in the Masonic Temple, Calgary, on Monday, October 30th, at 7:30 p.m. The Chapter was opened by the officers of Crescent Chapter, No. 24, after which the Grand Superintendents were officially received and welcomed by Companion P. H. Jenkins, First Principal of Crescent Chapter, No. 24. Having accepted the courtesy extended to me by R. E. Companion A. G. B. Lewis, Grand Superintendent District No. 4, I assumed the chair and took charge of the meeting. M. E. Companion Dr. J. V. Follett and V. E. Companion H. W. Ford were requested to retire and introduce M. E. Companion A. West, Grand First Principal, who, being accompanied by a number of Grand Chapter officers, was officially received and welcomed to the meeting. Having thanked the companions for their reception

and welcome, he requested that the business be proceeded with. V. E. Companion F. W. Keyte acted as Scribe E. The minutes of the last District Meetings and Joint Chapter of Instruction having been read and adopted, the only business for the districts was the Election of Superintendents, V. E. Companion F. W. Keyte being elected by District No. 3, and V. E. Companion Charles Scaife by District No. 4. My congratulations to these companions.

The Joint District Meeting was then closed and a Joint Chapter of Instruction opened. As no questions were presented in the time prescribed in the summons, this order of business was closed.

V. E. Companion Frank Milne, of Alberta Chapter, No. 1, gave an explanation of the system of "Commutation of Dues" as adopted by his Chapter, and was thanked, and a very interesting address on "Masonic Signs" was delivered by R. E. Companion H. O. Haslam, of Claresholm, which was very much appreciated.

The Chapter being closed by the officers of Alberta Chapter, No. 1, a pleasant hour was spent in the banquet room, M. E. Companion A. West, G. Z., being the principal speaker. A. G. B. Lewis, Grand Superintendent, District No. 4, was toastmaster.

On November 6th I officially visited Crescent Chapter, No. 24. There was a good attendance. The business was directed by E. Companion P. H. Jenkins. The election of officers for 1934 took place. After I had addressed the companions, the Chapter was closed. An enjoyable "fourth degree" followed.

On December 4th I visited this Chapter unofficially to witness the ceremony of Installation of Officers, which was well performed. E. Companion C. C. G. Duthie acted as installing officer, V. E. Companion F. W. Keyte as D. of C., assisted by other Past Principals. Greetings were extended from each of the City Chapters.

On February 15th I made my official visit to Keystone Chapter, No. 12, Red Deer, accompanied by M. E. Companion E. G. Ironside, R. E. Companion J. W. Verge, and E. Companions J. M. Donaldson and W. F. Solomon. The M. E. M. Degree was conferred on two candidates, E. Companion F. P. Galbraith acting as Worshipful Master. The attendance was fairly good and interest in business and work keen. At the close we adjourned to the Club Cafe. I sincerely thank E. Companion D. P. Cronquist and the members of Keystone Chapter for their welcome and hospitality.

On March 15th Companion Dr. J. V. Follett, Mrs. Follett and M. E. Companion E. G. Ironside, my wife and I left Calgary to attend the Twentieth Anniversary and Re-union of Keystone Chapter, and although a bad snow storm compelled us to turn back, I would extend our regrets to Keystone Chapter, at the same time sincerely thank the officers and members of Keystone Chapter for their courteous invitation.

In conclusion I wish to express my appreciation to all those companions of Districts 3 and 4 who very kindly supported me and accompanied me on my various visits. To E. Companion J. M. Donaldson a great deal of credit is due for his wonderful assistance at all times during my term of office, he having accompanied me on every visit. Also to R. E. Companion W. W. Pratt, who placed his car at my disposal at all times and, along with R. E. Companion

J. W. Verge, Companion M. E. Keenan and Companion R. Swift accompanied me at all times but once.

I wish to thank the Companions of District No. 3 for the honor they conferred upon me and I sincerely trust I have lived up to their expectations.

Respectfully submitted,

GLADSTONE R. HAINS,
Grand Superintendent, District No. 3

DISTRICT No. 4

Gleichen, Alberta, 24th February, 1934

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have the honor to submit for your careful consideration and approval the report of my term as Grand Superintendent of District No. 4.

I visited all the Chapters in the District once and Alberta Chapter, No. 1, and Harmony Chapter, No. 26, twice. I deeply regret that the state of the roads made it impossible for me to visit the other Chapters although I had arranged to do so. I trust the officers and companions of these Chapters will understand and forgive.

Capitular Masonry in my District is, considering the depression, in a healthy condition. The officers of the various Chapters are capable and are doing everything in their power to increase the interest of the companions. Unfortunately attendance in some of the country Chapters is not large.

On April 6th I visited Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, accompanied by R. E. Companions W. E. Mercer and Cyril MacPherson. M. E. Companion Dr. Follett was detained and arrived late.

On June 8th I visited Strathmore Chapter, No. 11, accompanied by R. E. Companions W. E. Mercer and Cyril MacPherson and Companion A. A. J. Lewis. E. Companion Jenkins, Z. of Crescent Chapter, No. 24, exemplified the H.R.A. degree in an efficient manner.

On June 12th I visited Alberta Chapter, No. 1. The night was hot and the attendance only fair. No work was put on.

On June 13th I visited Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10. This was a very good turnout. The M.E.M. degree was conferred excellently. Chapter in good shape and officers working hard.

On June 15th I unofficially visited Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal paying an official visit. The H.R.A. degree was conferred perfectly. Companion A. E. Lockett very efficient as P.S.

On June 28th I visited Harmony Chapter, No. 26. No work was put on. Attendance small probably owing to the very hot night. Books in good shape. Dues hard to get in.

I deeply regret that during July the death occurred of R. E. Companion Pinkerton, Past Grand Superintendent of this District and a companion of Strathmore Chapter.

On November 27th I visited Alberta Chapter, No. 1, accompanied by M. E. Companion McGhee and R. E. Companion C. MacPherson. This was Past Principals' Night, M. E. Companion Selwood being in the chair of Z., assisted by the Past Principals of the Chapter. The H.R.A. degree was conferred on Brother H. R. Chauncey in a very impressive way.

On January 24th, 1934, on the invitation of E. Companion Culbertson, I installed and invested the officers of Harmony Chapter. I was accompanied on this visit by E. Companion L. Michael, Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10.

During the summer a Joint Chapter of Instruction was held in Calgary by Districts Nos. 3 and 4 and was well attended, all Chapters in these Districts being represented. No. question on the work was asked—unusual. The Most Excellent the Grand First Principal attended, accompanied by a large number of Grand Chapter officers, past and present.

In conclusion, I wish to thank every companion in the District as well as the Grand Officers and companions who so kindly assisted me during my term of office, especially the Right Excellent Grand Scribe E., who has been a real help, I also desire to express my appreciation of the honor conferred on me by my election as Grand Superintendent of District No. 4 for the past year.

Fraternally submitted,

ALFRED G. B. LEWIS,
Grand Superintendent District No. 4.

DISTRICT No. 5

Claresholm, Alta., January 30th, 1934.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I beg to submit for your consideration my report as Grand Superintendent of District No. 5.

On October 31st the annual District Meeting was held at Claresholm, and, despite the inclement weather, the attendance was fairly good. M. E. Companion Archibald West, M. E. Companion Middleton, and other Grand Chapter representatives were present, and the meeting was both pleasant and profitable.

On November 16th I visited Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3, Medicine Hat. This Chapter is to be commended on the efficiency of its officers and for its zeal in the matter of benevolence. I was particularly pleased to note that arrangements were made to give a concert at the Hospital on Christmas Day.

On December 6th I had the pleasure of visiting Bekah Chapter, No. 7, Macleod. Unfavorable weather affected the attendance, but

a very successful meeting was held. Officers for the ensuing year were elected.

On December 12th I was a visitor in my own Chapter, Tau Cross, No. 16. Severe weather interfered with attendance, but a considerable proportion of the small membership turned out. I assisted in the installation of officers for the year 1934.

On December 13th, Shekinah Chapter, No. 4, Lethbridge was visited. Attendance was fair. Officers were elected and considerable business transacted. This Chapter is efficiently officered, and I congratulate the companions on the very capable handling of business. There have been a large number of suspensions during the past year but no companion was suspended until all lenient means had been exhausted.

On January 16th I attended Hillvue Chapter, No. 15, Hillcrest. Officers were installed by R. E. Companion Donkin. Notwithstanding the difficult times, this Chapter is in an enviable position. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

On January 18th I had the pleasure of visiting Kether Chapter No. 8, Pincher Creek. The officers for 1934 were very capably installed by V. E. Companion Dr. Walkey, assisted by R. E. Companion T. J. Cumberland. A good meeting in a well managed Chapter.

My reception in all the Chapters was most cordial, and I wish to take this opportunity of thanking the companions of the district for courtesies and for loyal support. I wish, also, to thank the companions of Tau Cross Chapter who accompanied and supported me on my visits to the various Chapters

The Chapters are finding it hard to carry on during this difficult time, but throughout the district there is a spirit of determination and I believe all Chapters will be able to "weather the storm."

It has been, I assure you, an honor and a pleasure to serve as Grand Superintendent of District No. 5. I would bespeak for my successor, V. E. Companion L. W. Walkey, of Pincher Creek, loyal support similar to which has made my task a pleasure.

Faternally submitted,

EDWARD H. MACK,
Grand Superintendent, District No. 5.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Edmonton, Alberta, January 26th, 1934

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have great pleasure in submitting my report as Grand Superintendent of District No. 6.

The Chapters in my District are all in very good circumstances, considering the difficult times. The officers are trying their best to

keep the companions together. At every Chapter meeting there seem to be a lot of visitors, which shows that Capitular Masonry continues to hold the interest of its members.

I have visited the Chapters in Edmonton and district, and I can truly say that the officers of each Chapter are trying their best to live up to the traditions of their respective offices and to further the interests of Grand Chapter. M. E. Companion West has certainly done his share by attendance at the Chapter meetings, giving freely his advice and explaining the work whenever called upon.

On April 11th I attended the Convocation of North Star Chapter, No. 2, Edmonton, and was installed and invested as Grand Superintendent of District No. 6, by M. E. Companion A. West. There was a large attendance of Grand Chapter officers and companions. M. E. Companion West paid the Chapter his official visit.

On May 4th I paid my official visit to Norwood Chapter. I was accompanied by M. E. Companion West, R. E. Companions Hill and Summerill, and V. E. Companion Blythe. There was a good attendance of companions and visitors. This Chapter is in a satisfactory condition and the officers are doing their part to further the interests Capitular Masonry amongst the companions.

On May 23rd I attended North Star Chapter and witnessed the Royal Arch Degree put on by Grand Chapter officers, M. E. Companion West acting as First Principal. There was a large attendance of officers and companions from all the Chapters.

On May 26th I made my official visit to Capital City, No. 13. This is my own Chapter. The M. E. Master Degree was exemplified in a worthy manner by E. Companion Thomas McWhirter and his officers. I was accompanied by M. E. Companions West and Downey, R. E. Companions Summerill, Hill, Fraser, Richardson, McCurdy and Elliott, and V. E. Companion Blythe.

I officially visited Edson Chapter on June 30th. There was a good turnout of members. Edson Chapter is in a flourishing condition. The companions are earnest and the Chapter is in for a good year. The officers do their work well and the books are well kept. I was accompanied by M. E. Companion West, R. E. Companion Shaw, and V. E. Companion Mayer.

On August 19th I journeyed to Jasper to attend a Convocation but, owing to unforeseen circumstances, when we arrived there was no Chapter meeting. I was accompanied by M. E. Companion West. On the following day we held a meeting of the three principal officers and Scribe E. and Treasurer at the home of Companion Young. We examined the books of Scribe E. and Treasurer and found them correct. We answered questions regarding the Work and work in general. It is not always easy to get a meeting as the companions are nearly all railway men and are called away on short notice. We were shown around the Park and beauty spots and the companions did everything to make our visit enjoyable.

The District Meeting of Districts Nos. 1 and 6 was held on October 20th. This was a good meeting. R. E. Companion Dr. Scott, Superintendent of District No. 1, was in the chair. The condition of the Craft was discussed and some good points were brought out. I was delegated by M. E. Companion West, in the absence of M. E. Companion Flan,

to answer the questions put to the meeting, which I did to the best of my ability.

On January 4th I attended Norwood Chapter. M. E. Companion West paid his official visit. It was the joint installation of officers of Norwood and Capital City, and R. E. Companion Summerill was the Installing Master. Attendance was good and every effort made to assure an enjoyable visit.

On January 12th I paid my second official visit to Capital City Chapter. The newly installed officers were in their chairs. The Mark Master Degree was satisfactorily conferred by E. Companion Bradford and his officers. There was a good attendance of companions and visitors. I was accompanied by R. E. Companions McCurdy, Summerill, Elliot, Hill and Fraser, and V. E. Companion Blythe.

From observations made on my visits throughout the year, I am convinced that the Chapters in the northern part of the Province will have a good year in 1934.

In concluding my report, I would like to sincerely thank the companions of the district for honoring me and to thank them for the manner in which they received and helped me on all occasions during my term of office. It has been a privilege to serve the companions of the district and the Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,

ALEX. RIDDICK,
Grand Superintendent, District No. 6.

On the motion of M. E. Companion McLeod, seconded by M. E. Companion Morrison, it was

RESOLVED, that the reports of Grand Superintendents be not read in full, but that each Grand Superintendent present be given two minutes in which to give Grand Chapter a brief synopsis of any outstanding matter from his District.

The Superintendents of Districts 1, 4, and 6 spoke.

Grand Scribe E's Report

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta:

In presenting this report, it is indeed gratifying to be able to state that we have been able to keep the Expenditures within the estimate as submitted by the Committee on Audit and Finance at our last Convocation.

The Register of Membership has been checked and errors of some years' standing corrected; the results should be satisfactory to all concerned.

Seven Chapters were overdue in making their Returns, due no doubt to lack of funds, and in some cases, to new officers not knowing of the penalty imposed for not having them in before January 31st. These extenuating circumstances may well be taken under consideration.

All Chapter dues, with one exception were paid on time; (this has since been paid); the following statistical tables are correct according to the returns given by the Scribes E., a much larger decrease being shown.

Statement of Membership

Number of Chapters.....	30	
Number of Members, December 31st, 1932.....	2,593	
Less errors from former years.....	16	
		2,577
Increase		
Admissions to December 31st, 1933.....	40	
Affiliations to December 31st, 1933.....	10	
Restorations to December 31st, 1933.....	5	
		55
Decrease		
Withdrawals to December 31st, 1933.....	93	
Suspensions to December 31st, 1933.....	160	
Deaths to December 31st, 1933.....	36	
		289
Net Decrease for year 1933.....		234
Number on Roll, December 31st, 1933.....		2,343

Fraternally submitted,

Cyril A. MacPherson

Grand Scribe E.

RESTORATIONS

Otuskwan, No. 9.....Gordon H. Clark.
Joseph Stauffer, No. 22..Harold Tonjum.
Harmony, No. 26.....Christian P. Dahl, McDonald Millard.
David Thompson, No. 29 Charles C. Hunter.

WITHDRAWALS

Alberta, No. 1 Arthur A. Carpenter, Angus McRae, John H. Adams, Frederick Lance, Gordon Goodison.

North Star, No. 2 Cecil Hugh Chapman, Alan C. Rutherford.

Assiniboia, No. 3 Edward P. Blackshaw, Elliott G. MacDonald, Alexander McKenzie, William A. Bateman, Frederick Y. Archibald.

Shekinah, No. 4 Howard G. Arnold, Edgar Davis, Thornton K. Lockwood, James W. Melvin.

Golden West, No. 5 Charles J. Lehr, William H. Sanders.

Bekah, No. 7 Norman Grier, Claud W. Stevens.

Otuskwan, No. 9 James Ford, E. W. Robinson, Arthur Davies, W. A. Leggett, James B. King, Robert B. Buchanan, Harry Reid, Robert M. Kelly, William Graves.

Calgary, No. 11 William M. Hadden, W. Harvey Bailey, R. J. Marriott.

Keystone, No. 12 William E. Payne, Arthur Davison.

Capital City, No. 13 Leslie H. McIntyre.

Vermilion, No. 14 James C. Mooney, Joseph McKone, William E. West.

Hillvue, No. 15 George B. Rose, George B. Powell.

Tau Cross, No. 16 James C. Hooper.

Mount Olivet, No. 17 John Shennon, Howard S. Purvis, Jeff L. Austin.

Norwood, No. 18 Ben Parker.

Hiram, No. 19 Oscar H. Price, Carl W. Olson.

Banff, No. 20 William H. Scarith, Frank Newton, Richard G. B. Johnson, David Rae, Louie C. Chadsey.

Strathmore, No. 21 A. W. Girvin.

Joseph Stauffer, No. 22 Alfred G. Studer.

Coronation, No. 23 Chas. E. Griffen, Walter Schonenberger, A. W. Evans, W. E. Porter, Leslie C. McBride, F. M. Dillon, F. S. Mitchell, W. J. McLean, A. M. Day, T. N. Cuthbert, A. J. Webb, Thomas Gilliard, T. C. Lang, John Stewart, C. E. Gerhart, R. L. Falconer, James Taylor, J. B. Lutz, F. K. Miller, H. L. Sharp-line, W. E. Neil, Mathias Rolls, W. Davis.

Crescent, No. 24 W. Gow, William Morris.

Stratheona, No. 25 John H. Clipston, William F. Timms.

Harmony, No. 26 Robert McCarraghn, Ernest E. Culley, J. B. Hurst, Robert Romney.

Eheyeh, No. 27 William J. Tait, William H. S. Cordiner.

Hanna, No. 28 Matthew L. Kuse, Alexander H. Foote, Horace Shillam, John L. Campbell.

David Thompson, No. 29 Albert K. Hobbins, Charles C. Hunter.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES

- Alberta, No. 1.....David F. Davidson, George A. W. Johnson,
Maurice C. Lamson, Wilfred Merton Tilley.
- North Star, No. 2.....Norman A. Barker, James Carmichael, Hiram
Easton, William H. Haliburton, George C.
McKay, John A. McGlory, Austin E.
Nickerson, Herbert A. Wood, Harold V.
Wooten, Gordon E. Winkler, Samuel W.
Calvert, Alex A. Cameron, James J. Carver,
Eugene W. Cooper, Alex C. Dempsey,
Donald C. Duncan, William R. Eakin,
Verner E. Graham, James Glenton, Charles
Hepburn, Andrew F. Kaline, A. D. Murphy,
Donald MacPherson, Walter Robi, Wright
Roper, Aubrey W. Richards, Ralph H.
Trouth.
- Assiniboia, No. 3.....Benjamin Bott.
- Shekinah, No. 4.....Thomas Herbert McCready, Peter Horn,
Dougal McNabb, William J. Nelson, Paul
V. Parkes, P. Peterson, Elijah Playfair,
George S. Podger, William Scott, J. T.
Rothwell, Alex M. McCuaig, Mark B.
Steele, William J. Tardiff, D. Y. Yates, E.
A. Johnson, James Harris, G. H. Laycock,
Thomas Evans, Thomas Merrithew, Wil-
liam Mason, Earle B. Sloan, John Hender-
son, David P. Carlyle, A. J. Boss, John C.
Bass, Frederick T. Baker, Robson Armi-
tage, W. T. H. Cripps, George Kerr, Gar-
net P. Clark, William J. Clements, Alfred
Capewell, Andrew Bosell, Louis A. Felger,
William N. King, William M. Laughton.
- Golden West, No. 5.....Daniel Richmond, Cormac Smith, William
Barclay, Frank A. Brown, Mills Cressman,
R. R. MacLeay, Daniel H. Galbraith, A.
R. C. Dunning, A. C. Moir, E. L. Brown,
A. G. Dickenson, A. J. Flood, Phillip Mc-
Pherson, A. W. Gill, Chas. T. Galbraith,
Fred. Rockafellow, Robt. Wilkinson, H.
Paul Barker.
- Bekah, No. 7.....Darrold Watson Davis, Alfred J. MacGowan,
Agnar Mikkelson, Frank L. Thompson.
- Otuskwon, No. 9.....Harry S. Bullis, George A. Barre, Jack Dar-
mody, Andrew G. Grey, William Laut,
William Matthew, Alexander Morton, Geo.
W. MacDonald, William Reay, Robert J.
Robinson, John D. Stewart, E. R. Tamblin,
Albert E. West, Thomas R. Tubman,
Gordon H. Clark, Thomas J. Ramsay.
- Bow Valley, No. 10.....Albert Norton Reay, Chester Hall Marshall.
- Capital City, No. 13.....George F. Albrecht, William G. Cullen, Frank
J. Connell, Walter Cook, Duncan A. Currie,
Alfred J. Laws, Donald C. McPhee, George
McLaughlin, David Roberts, Milton J.
Warner, Charles E. Wilcock, Homer H.
Tedford.

- Vermilion, No. 14.....Frank Fergusson, Alexander M. Battisby,
William S. Docherty, Norman McInnis,
Kenneth D. McLay, George H. Whitson.
- Norwood, No. 18.....Thomas Watt, John Peter, W. B. R. Knowles.
- Hiram, No. 19.....Frederick Gibson.
- Banff, No. 20.....James Irvine McLeod, John Straw.
- Strathmore, No. 21.....John M. Brand, Arthur B. Foote, Albert B.
Jacobs.
- Joseph Stauffer, No. 22..Harold Ernest Rollason.
- Coronation, No. 23.....A. T. Sissons, James W. Lone, Milford A.
Vanhorn, John W. Forrest, George A.
Hetherington, Wallace J. Dorrance, Athel-
stan Grace, Herschell R. Parr, William
Drinnan, Robert W. Fletcher.
- Crescent, No. 24.....John Bullough.
- Strathcona, No. 25.....Willis W. Yeager, Sam Laur, Joseph S.
Babiuk.
- Ehneyeh, No. 27.....Alexander Currie, Gilliespie Logan, Ernest
W. Jones, W. M. Ferrey.
- Hanna, No. 28.....Arthur W. F. Wales, John Cannon, Harry D.
Crouse, Reinhold Rosenbaum, John W.
Williams, Charles M. MacLeod.

DEATHS IN THIS JURISDICTION

- Alberta, No. 1.....Alexander Yeats, Edward J. Young, Clarence
Lougheed, Andrew Carson.
- North Star, No. 2.....John Dunlop, James B. Griffith.
- Assiniboia, No. 3.....William J. McLean.
- Shekinah, No. 4.....Thomas G. Standing, William S. Ball.
- Golden West, No. 5.....Gordon W. Campbell, Erwin Sleeman, Wil-
liam N. Swartz, O. W. Bowles, Malcolm
W. MacDonald.
- Bekah, No. 7.....Harry Donisthorpe, Donald Campbell.
- Kether, No. 8.....Harry E. Hyde.
- Otuskwon, No. 9.....George H. Huser.
- Calgary, No. 11.....Septimus H. Davies.
- Keystone, No. 12.....Henry Dodd, Henry H. Humber, William
McKinney.
- Capital City, No. 13.....Dougall P. Thomas, William J. Tedford,
William H. Bell, William M. McNab, John
F. McCallum.
- Strathmore, No. 21.....H. S. B. Chamberlain, Leon F. Pinkerton.
- Joseph Stauffer, No. 22..Jonathon R. Good.
- Crescent, No. 24.....William W. Machon, Richard S. Bowden.
- Strathcona, No. 25.....John F. L. Neilans, David Davies.
- Harmony, No. 26.....Harold S. Kellow.
- Ehneyeh, No. 27.....William A. Campbell.

Balance Sheet as at February 28th, 1934

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Bank Balance.....	\$1,984.83	Chapter Credits.....	\$ 6.60
Savings Certificates.....	3,400.00	General Surplus at Feb. 28, 1933.....	\$2,767.77
Accrued Interest.....	24.66	Add Revenue Surplus for 1934.....	.38
	<u>\$5,409.49</u>		
Due from Chapters.....	274.56	Less Adjustments.....	\$2,768.15
Inventories—			9.95
Chapter Supplies.....	981.96	Benevolence Surplus at Feb. 28, 1933.....	\$4,585.78
Chapter Regalia.....	68.10	Add for 1934.....	556.50
Office Supplies.....	174.69		
Insurance.....	20.00	Less Expenditure, 1934.....	5,142.28
	<u>1,244.75</u>		20.00
Equipment—			
Grand Officers' Regalia at cost.....	\$1,426.34		\$5,122.28

<i>Less Depreciation.....</i>	\$2,197.11	
	1,238.83	
		\$ 958.28
		\$7,887.08

Revenue Account for Year Ending February 28th, 1934

EXPENDITURE		REVENUE	
Depreciation	\$ 120.56	Affiliations	\$ 10.00
Engraving	41.50	Certificates	158.00
Grand Chapter Expense, Printing	297.70	Dispensations	26.00
Past Grand Z's Regalia	209.58	Dues	1,113.00
Insurance	20.66	Fines	26.50
Flowers and Obituary Cards	23.67	Interest	148.00
Office Supplies, Expenses	72.20	Life Memberships	147.00
Stamps	58.27	Profit on Regalia and Supplies	66.80
Travelling Expenses	222.48		
Salaries	625.00		
Miscellaneous	3.30		
Surplus for Year	.38		
	<u>\$1,695.30</u>		<u>\$1,695.30</u>

CHAPTER RETURNS TO DECEMBER 31st, 1933

No.	Name of Chapter	Where Held	Regular Convocation	First Principal Z.	Scribe E.	Members Dec. 31, 1932	Admissions	Affiliations	Restorations	Permitted	Suspensions	Deaths	Members Dec. 31, 1933	Increase	Decrease	Net Decrease
1	Alberta	Calgary	2nd Monday	H. E. Kelley	F. J. Hand	238	3	—	—	—	5	4	228	—	10	—
2	North Star	Edmonton	2nd Tuesday	G. W. Elliott	L. H. Reilly	163	2	—	—	2	27	2	134	—	29	—
3	Assiniboia	Medicine Hat	3rd Thursday	R. E. Keating	W. B. Stevens	165	1	1	—	5	1	1	160	—	5	—
4	Shelkna	Lethbridge	2nd Wednesday	J. C. Redman	J. E. Rannard	180	—	—	—	4	36	2	138	—	42	—
5	Golden West	High River	4th Thursday	W. Roney	W. B. Way	102	—	—	—	2	18	5	76	—	26	—
6	Mount Horeb	Wetaskiwin	4th Thursday	E. Warren	H. G. Smith	63	—	—	—	—	—	—	63	—	—	—
7	Bekah	Macleod	1st Wednesday	W. Sherman	A. Young	49	1	1	—	2	4	2	42	—	7	—
8	Kether	Pincher Creek	3rd Thursday	R. Y. Laidlaw	W. Laidlaw	51	—	—	—	—	—	1	51	—	—	—
9	Ottakwan	Calgary	1st Thursday	F. Bentley	J. Cowey	165	4	—	1	9	16	1	143	—	22	—
10	Bow Valley	Calgary	2nd Tuesday	R. C. Park	T. H. Beach	43	2	—	—	—	2	—	43	—	—	—
11	Calgary	Calgary	2nd Wednesday	T. S. Jeffrey	O. W. Harris	91	—	—	—	3	—	3	87	—	4	—
12	Keystone	Red Deer	3rd Thursday	D. P. Cronquist	A. G. Ayres	100	7	1	—	2	—	—	103	—	3	—
13	Capital City	Edmonton	2nd Friday	T. McWhirter	D. McIntosh	189	2	2	—	1	12	5	171	—	18	—
14	Vermilion	Vermilion	2nd Tuesday	H. Scott	W. W. Bell	70	1	—	—	3	6	—	62	—	8	—
15	Hillvue	Hillcrest	3rd Tuesday	A. E. Ferguson	H. Henderson	43	—	—	—	2	—	—	41	—	2	—
16	Tau Cross	Clareholm	2nd Tuesday	P. J. Petersen	E. H. Mack	36	—	—	—	1	—	—	35	—	1	—
17	Mount Olivet	Killam	3rd Wednesday	C. R. Nash	E. T. Lake	62	2	—	—	3	—	—	54	—	8	—
18	Norwood	Edmonton	1st Thursday	J. G. Walker	J. F. Hall	70	3	1	—	1	3	—	70	—	—	—
19	Hiram	Youngstown	Monday on or after full moon	E. D. McKeller	P. A. Davie	55	—	—	—	2	1	—	52	—	3	—
20	Banff	Banff	3rd Thursday	H. Manley	A. N. Saddington	62	—	—	—	5	2	—	55	—	7	—
21	Strathmore	Strathmore	2nd Thursday	F. J. Pearce	W. E. Mercer	54	2	1	—	1	3	2	51	—	3	—
22	Joseph Stauffer	Didsbury	1st Wednesday	R. A. Craig	J. L. Clarke	53	2	1	—	1	1	1	54	—	1	—
23	Coronation	Coronation	3rd Thursday	C. E. Gerhart	F. W. Fleming	52	—	—	—	23	10	—	19	—	33	—
24	Crescent	Calgary	1st Monday	J. T. Burns	O. W. Keyte	95	1	—	—	2	1	2	91	—	4	—
25	Strathcona	So. Edmonton	1st Friday	J. A. Dunn	F. J. Barker	66	2	—	—	2	3	2	61	—	5	—
26	Harmony	Bassano	4th Wednesday	I. N. Cawsey	J. R. Donaldson	79	—	—	—	2	4	1	75	—	4	—
27	Ehneyeb	Drumheller	1st Friday	W. A. Irving	J. H. N. Dutton	73	3	1	—	2	4	1	70	—	3	—
28	Hanna	Hanna	3rd Thursday	G. C. Russell	A. W. Hyde	61	—	—	—	4	6	—	51	—	10	—
29	David	Jasper	3rd Thursday	C. Ewing	T. C. Young	28	1	—	—	1	2	—	28	—	—	—
30	Thompson	Edson	2nd Tuesday	W. Thorp	A. J. Fyfe	33	2	—	—	—	—	—	35	—	2	—
						2593	40	10	5	93	160	36	2343	—	5255	250

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Grand Treasurer's Report

CASH STATEMENT

Balance on hand March 1, 1933.....	\$1,239.01
Received from Grand Scribe E.....	2,699.86
	\$3,938.87

PAYMENTS

Benevolence.....	\$ 20.00
Chapter Supplies.....	122.77
Chapter Supplies.....	169.10
Engrossing.....	41.50
Grand Chapter Expense—	
Rent.....	43.00
Entertainment.....	11.40
Photos.....	12.50
Tyler's fee.....	5.00
Reporting.....	12.50
Printing.....	22.26
Proceedings.....	269.66
Flowers and Obituary Cards.....	23.67
Insurance.....	17.51
Office Supplies and Expense.....	58.64
Stamps.....	58.67
Salaries—Grand Scribe E.....	600.00
Auditor.....	25.00
Grand Z. Travelling expense.....	100.00
Grand Z. Telephone calls.....	5.83
Grand Superintendents' Travelling expense.....	100.00
Grand Lecturer.....	16.65
Past Grand Z's Regalia, three suits.....	209.58
Office Equipment.....	5.50
Miscellaneous.....	3.30
	\$1,954.04*
Balance in Bank, February 28th, 1934	1,984.83
	\$3,938.87

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM C. BLACK,
Grand Treasurer.

* Includes \$75.08 for 1932.

Auditor's Report

Calgary, March 10th, 1934

To the Audit and Finance Committee of the Grand Chapter of
Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Gentlemen:

I have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Chapter for the year ending February 28th, 1934, and submit herewith:

- (a) Cash Report.
- (b) Revenue Statement.
- (c) Balance Sheet.

which I certify to be in accordance with the books.

Depreciation has been provided for at the usual rates. Inventories of supplies on hand have been listed and priced by the Grand Scribe E. The Savings Certificates have been examined and verified by me.

You will note with satisfaction that expenses have been considerably reduced as compared with prior years and that there is a small operating surplus as compared with deficits of the past three years.

The amounts to the credit of General and Benevolence Funds are set out separately in the Balance Sheet.

Fraternally submitted,

HENRY W. FORD,
Chartered Accountant.

On motion of M. E. Companion Follett, seconded by M. E. Companion McGhee, it was

RESOLVED, that the reports of Grand Scribe E. and the Grand Treasurer be accepted as distributed, and that they be adopted, with the exception of the financial statement, which is referred to the Committee on Audit and Finance.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Edmonton, March 21st, 1934.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

We join with our Grand First Principal in his opening remarks when he welcomes Grand Chapter to the new Edmonton Masonic Temple on this our Twentieth Annual Convocation. M. E. Companion A. West is responsible for much of the success in the completion of this magnificent structure.

Grand Chapter has been sadly bereaved in the passing of M. E. Companion William M. McNab. He made a deep impression on Capitular Masonry in the northern part of this province where he resided so many years. The reference to Companion McNab recalls to our minds the intense interest which he took in Craft and Capitular Masonry; his familiar face and form will long be missed by the members of Grand Chapter.

We congratulate our Grand Z. on being able to visit so extensively throughout the province. The fruits of these official visits will doubtless be visible during the ensuing year.

The Amendments to By-Laws which have been approved appear to be according to the Constitution.

Expenses alone and his anxiety to balance the budget, kept our Grand First Principal from visiting Grand Jurisdictions himself, but he arranged for suitable representation.

We concur in the remarks of our Grand Z. that every endeavor should be made to give attention to matters of finance in connection with Grand Chapter affairs.

Fraternally submitted,

MELVIN M. DOWNEY,
J. W. J. MORRISON,
E. G. IRONSIDE,
G. B. McLEOD,
W. T. COOTE,
J. V. FOLLETT,

Committee.

On motion of M. E. Companion Downey, seconded by M. E. Companion Morrison, it was

RESOLVED, that the report of the Committee on Grand First Principal's Address be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals beg to report that no matters have been submitted to them for decision at this meeting of Grand Chapter.

Your committee beg to congratulate Grand Chapter of the fact that this situation exists and upon the harmony which prevails in this Grand Jurisdiction.

GEORGE B. McLEOD.

On the motion of M. E. Companion McLeod, seconded by M. E. Companion Downey, it was

RESOLVED, that the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AUDIT AND FINANCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your committee have examined the financial statement appearing in the reports of the Grand Scribe E. and the Grand Treasurer, and also the report of E. Companion Henry W. Ford, Auditor, for the year ending February 28th, 1934. On the recommendation of the Auditor, a detailed list of amounts due by Chapters to Grand Chapter has been omitted. It seems unnecessary to publish these figures, as each Chapter is well aware of its own position and not particularly interested in those of other Chapters.

We recommend the acceptance of the Auditor's report and the payment of \$25.00 to the Auditor for his services in making the audit and submitting the report. We recommend to the Executive Committee of the Grand Chapter continuance of E. Companion Henry W. Ford in the office of Auditor of the Grand Chapter.

Your committee note with satisfaction from an examination of the revenue account of Grand Scribe E., approved by the Auditor, that the affairs of Grand Chapter have been carried on during the year closing February 28th, 1934, on the basis of the expenditures being kept within the revenues. Taking into consideration the item of depreciation which was fixed at \$120.56, which is, strictly speaking, not an outgoing cash expense, it is evident that the cash expenditures were kept well within the cash revenue. This, no doubt, has been accomplished only by the most rigid economy on the part of the Grand Scribe E. and the Grand First Principal, and we think they must be given credit for this particular aspect of the financial report.

We note that the Grand First Principal paid no fraternal visits to other jurisdictions, either in person or by representatives sent from Alberta. This is a matter largely in the discretion of the Grand First Principal, but your committee, in submitting the budget hereinafter outlined, have kept in mind the desirability, when possible, of inter-jurisdictional visits, and are budgeting for the same.

Your committee recommend the acceptance of the tender of The Albertan Job Press, Limited, for the printing of the "Proceedings" of the Annual Convocation, same having been the lowest of the tenders submitted to your committee.

Your committee recommend that Grand Scribe E. be authorized to employ the services of a shorthand reporter to report the Proceedings of the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter and its chief committees at the expense this year not exceeding the sum of \$25.00.

In accordance with Section 51, Clause C, of the Constitution, your Committee submit the following estimate of the probable expenses of Grand Chapter for the ensuing year, meaning the year commencing March 1st, 1934, and ending February 28th, 1935:

Fire insurance and indemnity bond premiums..	\$	16.58
Office supplies, postage and miscellaneous expense		145.00
Salaries:		
Grand Scribe E....	\$600.00	
Auditor.....	25.00	
		625.00
Regalia for Grand Officers.		100.00
Printing Proceedings.....		300.00
Miscellaneous printing.....		95.00
Engrossing Certificates.		20.00
Travelling espenses:		
Grand Z.....	\$300.00	
Grand Superintendents	150.00	
Grand Lecturer	50.00	
		500.00
Expenses of Grand Chapter Convocation, including enter- tainment of guests.....		100.00
Sundry unforeseen expenses.....		48.42
		\$1,950.00

Fraternally submitted,

FREDERICK S. SELWOOD, *Chairman*
J. V. FOLLETT,
ANDREW DAVISON,
F. B. COOPER,
C. H. MINCHIN,
C. A. MacPHERSON.

On motion of R. E. Companion Davison, seconded by M. E. Companion Follett, it was

RESOLVED, that the report of the Audit and Finance Committee be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY IN ALBERTA

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principi, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your committee beg to report that we have read carefully the reports of the six Superintendents and, with much satisfaction, note that they have fulfilled, faithfully and well, the duties of their important office.

All Chapters were visited at least once, and most of them several times. Work was observed in all but one.

We note with keen satisfaction that Capitular Masonry throughout the whole Jurisdiction seems to be holding its own, except in one instance, despite the financial depression, high taxes, lack of business activity and general hard times.

In the choice and selection of officers much care seems to have been taken, and the Superintendents mention the excellent degree work being performed, and the evident desire of the officers to do their best to hold the membership together and promote good fellowship by holding live meetings.

The inter-visits of Chapters seems to have been continued, which we highly commend. The weaker Chapters are thus benefited by those more fortunate, and the companionship and friendship so formed and cemented are one of the prime objects of our noble and honourable Order. Friendly competition in degree work also is promoted.

Two Superintendent's reported that no degrees were exemplified by any Chapter on their visits. This is one of the main objects of his office, but we know that candidates in these days are not plentiful. However, he should plan, and the Chapter should arrange to have a degree exemplified when he attends the Chapters. We suggest that immediately after installation the Grand Superintendent notify each of his Chapters that on his visit during the year he would expect to see the Chapter exemplify a degree by the regular officers, whether they have a candidate or not. Some Jurisdictions instruct the Superintendents to require that all signs, grips and works be demonstrated.

We observe that visits were made to a number of Installation Ceremonies and some Superintendents assisted at these. We commend this, as these ceremonies should form one of the most important Convocations of the year. We note that two Joint Installations were held and these were outstanding events.

The Chapters of Instruction continued to be made, and are the main meetings held. They were well attended, especially by the Grand Officers. There is no doubt as to the enthusiasm they create and the knowledge imparted.

We believe the visits made by all Grand Officers are greatly welcomed by the companions.

Although the conferring of degrees has not occupied the attention of the Chapters as much as in some former years, yet interest has been maintained by having educational talks, addresses and other forms of instructive and social amusements.

The Grand Scribe E. shows us that on December 31st, 1933, twenty-three Chapters had dues owing to the amount of \$6,357.55. While the amount owing to some of the Chapters seems quite large yet, under the circumstances, we feel that it is not excessive; nevertheless, we would urge that attention to the collection of dues be not neglected.

It is quite true that our membership will show a decrease; but when we consider that many Grand Jurisdictions show losses up to 25 per cent of their membership, we should feel thankful that ours is no more.

We note with pleasure that our finances have balanced for the year.

We would recommend that the rank of Past Grand Superintendent be conferred upon: R. E. Companions W. H. Scott, A. J. Webb, G. R. Hains, A. G. B. Lewis, E. W. Mack and Alex Riddick.

Respectfully submitted,

E. G. IRONSIDE, *Chairman.*
W. T. COOTE,
J. R. FLAN,
W. E. MERCER.

On motion of M. E. Companion McLeod, seconded by M. E. Companion Morrison, it was

RESOLVED, that the report be laid on the table until the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence is received.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence beg to report as follows:

Your committee have had before them correspondence passing between Grand Scribe E. and Scribe E. of Coronation Chapter, No. 23, relative to the surrender of its warrant or charter and the issuing of demits. In view of the fact that the committee do not appear to be appraised of all the facts in connection with the matter we would recommend:

1. That the surrender of the warrant or charter be not accepted for the time being;
 2. That the Grand First Principal appoint a special committee to make further inquiry into the situation to report to next Convocation of Grand Chapter.
 3. That in the meantime the Grand First Principal and the Grand District Superintendent take such measures as they may deem advisable looking to the continuance of the Chapter.
- No other matter has been submitted to your committee for report.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. G. MORRISON,
J. R. FLAN,
GEO. B. McLEOD,
W. H. SCOTT.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Morrison, seconded by M. E. Companion Flan, it was

RESOLVED, that the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence be laid on the table until the afternoon.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your committee find, and are pleased to report, that the following Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction have, during the year just closed, contributed for Benevolence the amounts as set out:

Alberta, No. 1.....	\$ 35.00
Assiniboia, No. 3.....	50.00
Otuskwan, No. 9.....	54.00
Banff, No. 20.....	13.00
Strathmore, No. 21.....	130.00
Joseph Stauffer, No. 22.....	20.00
	\$302.00

Your committee are pleased to commend these Chapters for their generous response to the need of our distressed companions.

Your committee continued the grant of \$20.00, for the month of March, 1933, to the Right Excellent Companion who had been receiving relief from the Grand Chapter during the year ending February 28th, 1932. This case has been under review from time to time during the year just closed, and your committee have not found that the circumstances warranted the resumption of any further grants.

During the year ending February 28th, 1934, Grand Chapter has expended from its Benevolent Fund the sum of \$20.00.

Your committee desire to report that, in general, companions in this Jurisdiction requiring assistance are referred in the first instance to their Craft Lodge, and through that Lodge to the Benevolent Fund of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. Your Committee finds that in the great majority of cases the needs of companions who are members of Lodges in this Jurisdiction are satisfactorily met in this manner. They consider, however, that it is necessary for our Grand Chapter to have a Benevolent Fund to meet such cases as do not come within the purview of Craft Lodge benevolence, and also to meet emergencies where such relief might not be adequate owing to the large numbers requiring assistance, or other special circumstances arising from an epidemic, a disaster or other causes subjecting a large number of companions and their families to the need of assistance.

Your committee recommend that Grand Chapter continue the present method of making allowances from the Grand Chapter Benevolence Fund through the standing Sub-Committee of the Executive Committee of the Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES R. FLAN, *Chairman*
FREDERICK S. SELWOOD,
J. V. FOLLETT,
M. M. DOWNEY,
J. H. MCGHEE,

On the motion of M. E. Companion Flan, seconded by M. E. Companion Follett, it was

RESOLVED, that the report of the Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and

Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

The letter from Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of New South Wales, together with copies of correspondence and papers from M. E. Companion Albert Chandler, the Grand First Principal of the same Grand Body, which were referred to the Committee on Correspondence have been read and considered.

The situation appears to be as follows: The Grand Chapter of New South Wales was formed in 1889; prior to that, Royal Arch Masonry was under charters from the Grand Chapters of England, Scotland

and Ireland. Those under England were attached to Craft Lodges, as is the custom prevailing in England, and these Chapters had control only over the Royal Arch Degree. While those Chapters under Scotland and Ireland had control over the Mark Master Mason, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Degrees.

In 1888 the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, A.F. & A.M., was formed, and the Grand Chapter of England recalled its chapter warrants, as there were no Lodges to which Chapters could be attached. These English Chapters formed the Grand Chapter of New South Wales. The Scotch and Irish Chapters preferred to remain under their own Grand Chapters, and took no part in the formation of the new Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter of Scotland has, in New South Wales, one hundred and forty-two Chapters; the Grand Chapter of Ireland one; and the Grand Chapter of New South Wales has seventy-six. The Grand Chapter of Scotland still continues to issue dispensations for new Chapters. The Grand Chapter of New South Wales protests on their action and asks Alberta to sever fraternal relations with Scotland on this account.

Any procedure on the part of Alberta in severing fraternal relations with Scotland would not be justified at the present time. Your Committee therefore recommend that action in this regard be indefinitely postponed.

Let us hope their differences may soon be settled.

Apart from the controversey between the Grand Chapters of Scotland and New South Wales, harmony prevails in the Capitular World.

We herewith submit our Review of the Proceedings received since the 1933 Convocation, and suggest that the printing of the Review be referred to the Committee on Finance for such action as they see fit.

Faternally submitted,

MELVIN M. DOWNEY, *Chariman*.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Downey, seconded by R. E. Companion McIntosh, it was

RESOLVED, that the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY

Edmonton, March 20th, 1934.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta
Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your committee are unable to report any new developments since our last Annual Convocation with reference to our Grand Chapter library.

Due to the necessity of conserving the financial resources of Grand Chapter, no new additions were made to our library during the past year.

We are of the opinion that it is not advisable, under prevailing conditions, to incur any expense in connection with our library at the present time, and would so report.

Fraternally submitted on behalf of the committee,

ANDREW DAVISON, *Chairman*.

On the motion of R. E. Companion Davison, seconded by M. E. Companion Ironside, it was

RESOLVED, that the report of the Library Committee be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Once again we pause in the rush of business and round of pleasure to pay tribute to those worthy companions who have been called from our midst and have passed through that mysterious veil which hides from human eyes that glorious light and knowledge which, with a sure faith, we feel they now enjoy in the fulness of Life Eternal.

During the year just past, thirty-six companions of this jurisdiction have been called upon to lay down the working tools of this mortal life. Among them was our Past Grand First Principal, M. E. Companion William Miller McNab, who died on the sixteenth day of July, 1933, at the age of sixty-two. He was exalted in Capital City Chapter, No. 13, on June 25th, 1915; was Grand Superintendent of District No. 1 in 1923, and served as our Grand First Principal during the year 1927. He was also a charter member of Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 142, G.R.A., and was installed as Worshipful Master in December, 1926. His mother Lodge was Maple Leaf, No. 362, G.R. Canada in Ontario. Of the many fine qualities which endeared M. E. Companion McNab to us, his sincerity was an outstanding characteristic; he spared neither his time nor his health when he was endeavoring to carry out his duties. We miss him greatly.

We mourn with the dear ones our companions have left behind and extend to them our sincere sympathy in their time of sorrow. Yet are we persuaded that "He who doeth all things well" has comforted and will comfort and sustain them in their distress. We rejoice in this belief and looking with the eye of faith beyond the grave, may confidently ask—

*Oh! Death where is thy sting;
Where, Grave, thy victory?*

Our mourning must turn to joy when we realize that our companions have passed through the tribulations of this mortal life into the presence of the Great I Am, there to receive at His hands that greatest of all blessings—"That they may serve Him day and night in His holy temple."

*These, the Almighty contemplating,
Did as priests before Him stand;
Soul and body always waiting
Day and night at His command.
Now in God's Holy place
Blest they stand before His face.*

Let the remembrance of their lives and services help us so to spend our allotted time that when we are summoned to follow them into that undiscovered country from which we cannot return we may be made perfect in the Grand Chapter there.

While to our finite minds Death is always the King of Terrors, whilst the Unknown is ever appalling, let the teachings of our Ancient Order remind us that "Death is but the gate to Life Eternal," and that

*When our latest breath
Shall rend the veil in twain,
By death we shall escape from death
And Life Eternal gain.*

Your committee would recommend that pages be appropriated in the Proceedings of this Grand Chapter as tributes to departed companions both of our own and of sister jurisdictions.

Fraternally submitted,

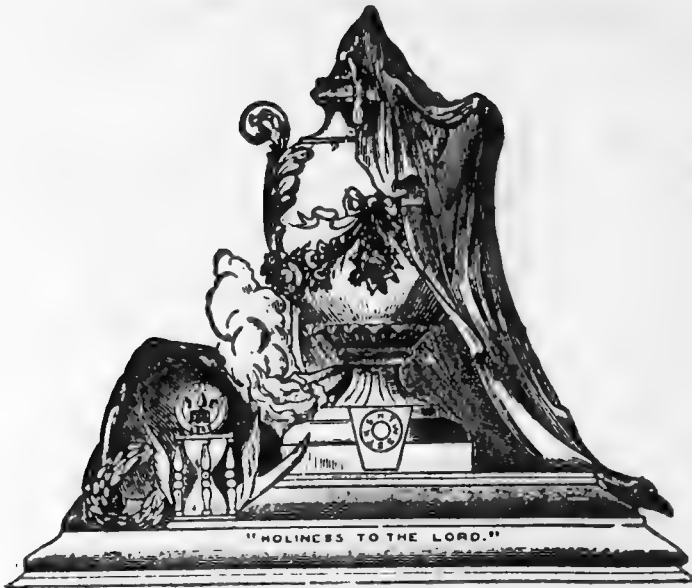
H. SANDILANDS,
WALTER HILL

On motion of R. E. Companion Sandilands, seconded by R. E. Companion Hill, it was

RESOLVED, that the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead be received and adopted.

DEATHS IN THIS JURISDICTION

- Alberta, No. 1.....Alexander Yeats, Edward J. Young, Clarence Loughheed, Andrew Carson.
- North Star, No. 2.....John Dunlop, James B. Griffith.
- Assiniboia, No. 3.....William J. McLean.
- Shekinah, No. 4.....Thomas G. Standing, William S. Ball.
- Golden West, No. 5.....Gordon W. Campbell, Erwin Sleeman, William N. Swartz, O. W. Bowles, Malcolm W. MacDonald.
- Bekah, No. 7.....Harry Donisthorpe, Donald Campbell.
- Kether, No. 8.....Harry E. Hyde.
- Otuskwan, No. 9.....George H. Huser.
- Calgary, No. 11.....Septimus H. Davies.
- Keystone, No. 12.....Henry Dodd, Henry H. Humber, William McKinney.
- Capital City, No. 13.....Dougall P. Thomas, William J. Tedford, William H. Bell, William M. McNab, John F. McCallum.
- Strathmore, No. 21.....H. S. B. Chamberlain, Leon F. Pinkerton.
- Joseph Stauffer, No. 22..Jonathon R. Good.
- Crescent, No. 24.....William W. Machon, Richard S. Bowden.
- Strathcona, No. 25.....John F. L. Neilans, David Davies.
- Harmony, No. 26.....Harold S. Kellow.
- Eheyeh, No. 27.....William A. Campbell.

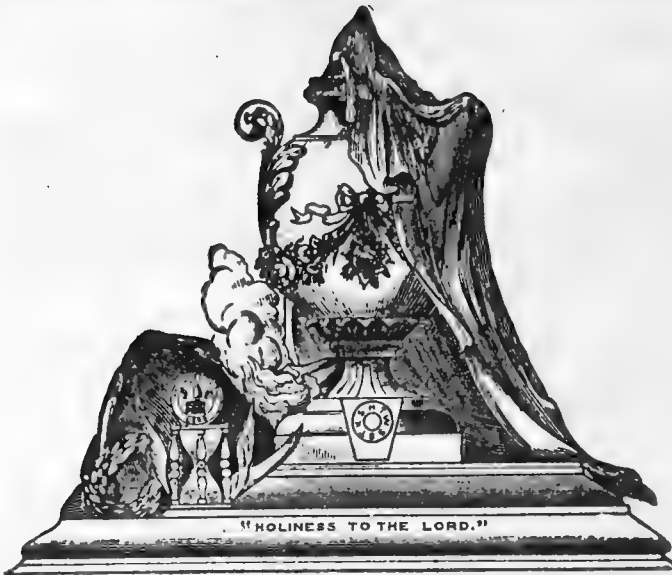


In Memory
OF THE
Companions of Our Own
Jurisdiction
FOR THE YEAR 1933

*They are not dead, for death
Can only take away the mortal breath;
And life commencing here
Is but a prelude to its full career,
And hope and faith the blessed assurance give,
We do not live to die, we die to live.*

FRATERNAL DEAD IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS

Alabama.....	Leonidas W. Kolb, P.G.H.P., Aug. 12, 1933.
Arkansas.....	Edgar Allen McCulloch, P.G.H.P., Jan. 23, 1933. J. L. Davis, P.G.H.P. J. H. Kennerly, P.G.H.P.
Florida.....	Louis C. Massey, P.G.H.P., Mar. 20, 1933.
Illinois.....	Andrew J. Schattgen, P.G.H.P., June 4, 1933.
Kansas.....	Perry M. Hoisington, P.G.H.P., Mar. 21, 1933. William F. March, P.G.H.P., May 24, 1933.
Kentucky....	John G. Orndorff, P.G.H.P., Feb. 22, 1933. George A. Lewis, P.G.H.P., April 3, 1933.
Georgia.....	H. Warner Hill, P.G.H.P., Jan. 13, 1934. C. Percy Taylor, P.G.H.P., Jan. 14, 1934.
Louisiana...	Brittain B. Purser, P.G.H.P., Aug. 23, 1933. Theodore Roehl, P.G.H.P., Oct. 12, 1933. Henry A. King, P.G.H.P., Dec. 8, 1933.
Minnesota....	Thomas Morris, P.G.H.P., April 12, 1933.
Missouri.....	Edward F. Von Gunden, P.G.H.P., Nov. 15, 1933.
Nebraska.....	Benjamin F. Thomas, P.G.H.P., Jan. 28, 1933. Frank E. Bullard, P.G.H.P., Jan. 31, 1933. Walter L. Spear, P.G.H.P., Dec. 16, 1933.
Nevada.....	Hosea Edwin Reid, P.G.H.P., Sept. 11, 1933.
New Jersey....	Charles R. Rinehart, P.G.H.P., Oct. 30, 1933. William H. Lowe, P.G.H.P., Dec. 31, 1933.
New York.....	George A. Newell, P.G.H.P., Aug. 19, 1933.
Nova Scotia...	Jacob Miller Owen, P.G.H.P., June 26, 1933.
Ohio.....	Orion P. Spears, P.G.H.P., Dec. 20, 1933. Robert E. Lee, P.G.H.P., Jan. 26, 1934.
Oregon.....	Emanuel Northup, Grand Chaplain Emeritus, Jan 4, 1933. Lot Livermore Pearce, P.G.H.P., July 1, 1933. John K. Kollock, P.G.H.P., Dec. 21, 1933.
South Carolina..	James E. McDonald, P.G.H.P., Nov. 24, 1933.
Tennessee...	Charles Comstock, P.G.H.P., June 8, 1933. James Harry Swan, P.G.H.P., June 30, 1933.
Vermont.....	Henry Herbert Ross, P.G.S., Aug. 8, 1933.
Virginia.....	Isaac Holcombe Adams, P.G.H.P., July 11, 1933.
Washington....	Walter L. Darby, P.G.H.P., September 15, 1933.
West Virginia...	Luther Hale Clark, P.G.H.P., Dec. 23, 1933.
Wisconsin.....	Aldro Jenks, P.G.H.P., Jan. 1, 1934. Charles T. Lewiston, G.M. 1st V., Mar. 3., 1933. Rockwell J. Flint, P.G.H.P., June 23, 1933. Winfield, W. Gilman, G.H.P., Feb. 7, 1934.
Wyoming.....	Elmer A. Kell, P.G.H.P., Jan. 31, 1933.



In Memory
OF THE
Deceased Companions of
Sister Jurisdictions

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 28, 1934

*When all is done, say not my day is o'er,
 And that thro' night I seek a dimmer shore:
 Say rather that my morn has just begun,
 I greet the dawn and not the setting sun,
 When all is done.*

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO REVISE METHOD OF ELECTIONS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee to Revise Method of Elections beg to report as follows:

Your committee met in the office of the chairman on January 20th, 1934, and, after a great deal of discussion, decided that no drastic change could be made in our Method of Elections for Grand Chapter without drastic changes in the sections of the Constitution dealing with Election of Officers.

We recommend, however, that:

(a) The Committee on Credential distribute the ballots to the companions at time for registration.

(b) That where a companion is entitled to more than one vote he be given a ballot corresponding to the number of votes he represents.

Respectfully submitted,

J. V. FOLLETT, *Chairman*
F. S. SELWOOD,
J. A. MCGHEE,
W. C. BLACK.

On the motion of M^r E: Companion Follett, seconded by R. E. Companion Black, it was

RESOLVED, that the report of the Committee to Revise Method of Elections be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to make a final report on the attendance at this Convocation.

Twenty-eight Chapters are represented by delegates or proxies, two are not represented (Golden West, No. 5, and Coronation, No. 23), eighty-two delegates are present, having a total of one hundred and forty-four votes.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE W. ELLIOTT, *Chairman*.
WALTER HILL,
FREDERICK J. SUMMERILL.

On the motion of R. E. Companion Elliott, seconded by R. E. Companion Summerill, it was

RESOLVED, that the final report of the Committee on Credentials be received and adopted.

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Chapter was called from Labor to Refreshment at 12:30 o'clock p.m. until 2:00 o'clock p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION

LABOR RESUMED

Grand Chapter resumed labor at 2:10 o'clock p.m.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

Discussion was resumed on the report, and finally

On motion of M. E. Companion Morrison, seconded by M. E. Companion Flan, it was

RESOLVED, that the report of the committee be received and adopted.

On motion of M. E. Companion Ironside, seconded by M. E. Companion Flan, it was

RESOLVED, that the report of the Committee on Condition of Capitular Masonry be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WORK

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Your Committee on Work beg leave to report that no questions were referred to them during the year, and that, from the reports of the Grand Superintendents, the decisions given are being loyally observed.

Owing to the unavoidable absence of the Grand Lecturer from all but one of the District meetings, the questions submitted thereat were satisfactorily answered by the Grand Superintendents.

Fraternally submitted,

J. R. FLAN, *Acting Chairman*.
C. A. MacPHERSON.

On the motion of M. E. Companion Flan, seconded by R. E. Companion MacPherson, it was

RESOLVED, that the report be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO COMPILE DECISIONS OF GRAND CHAPTER

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

We your Committee to compile the decisions of Grand Chapter, beg leave to report that we have completed the task assigned to us and have the copy ready to print if and when this Grand Chapter decides so to do.

Fraternally submitted,

G. B. McLEOD, *Chairman*.
E. G. IRONSIDE,
H. SANDILANDS.

On the motion of M. E. Companion McLeod, seconded by R. E. Companion Mercer, it was

RESOLVED, that the report of the Committee to Compile Decisions of Grand Chapter be received and adopted.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

The Grand First Principal having appointed M. E. Companions Downey, McGhee and Coote as scrutineers, the election of officers for the year 1934 was proceeded with, with the following result:

Grand First Principal.....	R. E. Companion A. Davison.
Grand Second Principal.....	R. E. Companion W. E. Mercer
Grand Third Principal.....	R. E. Companion H. Sandilands.
Grand Treasurer.....	R. E. Companion W. C. Black.
Grand Scribe E.	R. E. Companion C. A. MacPherson.
Grand Scribe N.....	R. E. Companion H. W. Ford
Grand Principal Sojourner ...	R. E. Companion J. M. Donaldson
Grand Registrar.....	R. E. Companion W. Orr.
Executive Committee.	R. E. Companion E. A. Shaw
	R. E. Companion J. E. Rannard
	R. E. Companion H. W. B. Bell
	V. E. Companion J. L. Clarke
	V. E. Companion J. Cleveley

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

It was unanimously decided to hold the next Annual Convocation at Calgary on the third Wednesday of March, 1935.

GENERAL BUSINESS

The following Motions (Constitutional notice of which had been given) were then dealt with:

It was moved by M. E. Companion Morrison, seconded by R. E. Companion Scott "That Section 16 of the Constitution be amended by deleting the words 'Third Wednesday in March' in the second line thereof, and substituting therefor the words 'Second Wednesday in May'."

It was moved in amendment by R. E. Companion Bell, seconded by M. E. Companion Coote, "That we hold Grand Chapter the day following Grand Lodge." After considerable discussion, it was agreed to lay this question on the table for one year.

On the motion of V. E. Companion Ford, seconded by M. E. Companion Follett, it was "Resolved, that the sub-section of the last but one of Section 113 of the Constitution be amended by deleting '50c' and substituting '75c' therefor, and that last sub-section of section 113 be deleted, and the following be substituted therefor, 'The Executive Committee shall have the power to vote from the General Fund to the Benevolence Fund such funds as it deems expedient from time to time; provided, however, that in any one year the amount so voted shall not exceed a sum of 25c for each member as registered on the books of Grand Scribe E. in the last Annual Report, and further provided that

the Benevolence Fund shall not be less than the sum of Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars at the close of any fiscal year'."

It was moved by V. E. Companion Milne, and seconded by E. Companion Walker, "That Section 20 of the Standard By-laws be amended as follows:

'20.—Commutation of Dues.—Any members in good standing may commute his dues to this Chapter for not less than the following sum multiplied by the amount of the annual dues:

'Any member from

22 to 38 years of age inclusive.....	\$16.00
39 to 42 " " "	15.00
43 to 46 " " "	14.00
47 to 49 " " "	13.00
50 to 52 " " "	12.00
53 to 55 " " "	11.00
56 to 58 " " "	10.00
59 to 60 " " "	9.00
61 to 63 " " "	8.00
64 to 65 " " "	7.00
66 to 67 " " "	6.00
68 to 70 " " "	5.00

'This Chapter shall not refund all or any part of a payment made for the commutation of dues under any circumstances whatever.

'Any member taking advantage of the above provision shall be furnished with a Certificate of Standing by this Chapter under its Seal and signed by the Ex. First Principal and countersigned by the Scribe E. and a Certificate of Life Membership by the Grand Chapter.

'If any member is suspended from his Lodge of A.F. & A.M. for non-payment of dues his Certificate of Life Membership shall be suspended for a like period.

'If any member shall be expelled for U.M.C. in either his Lodge of A.F. & A.M., Chapter or any Masonic order, his Certificate of Life Membership shall be cancelled.

'A Trust Fund shall be created for the administration of all monies received from the above. The Trustees shall consist of five or more Companions, the Ex. First Principal, Scribe E. and Treasurer of the Chapter shall be trustees ex-officio and two or more Companions elected by the Chapter at the regular annual election of officers'."

After considerable discussion it was resolved, on the motion of M. E. Companion Morrison, seconded by R. E. Companion Shaw, to lay this matter on the table for one year.

M. E. Companion Flan stated that he had been requested by M. E. Companion Selwood to present the motion standing in the latter's name in the summons for Grand Chapter, and on the motion of M. E. Companion Flan, seconded by M. E. Companion Ironside it was

RESOLVED, that Grand Chapter appropriate from the Benevolence Fund to the General Fund the sum of eleven hundred, twenty-two and 28/100 dollars (\$1,122.28) thereby leaving in the Benevolence Fund as at February 28th, 1934, the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00).

On motion of V. E. Companion Tipp, seconded by R. E. Companion Richardson, it was

RESOLVED, that the word "robes" in the first line of Section 306 of the Constitution be deleted.

On the motion of M. E. Companion McGhee, seconded by R. E. Companion Follett it was

RESOLVED, that the per capita of forty-one 25/100 dollars (\$41.25), due from Mout Olivet Chapter, No. 17, for the year 1932, be remitted.

On the motion of M. E. Companion McGhee, seconded by R. E. Companion Shaw, it was

RESOLVED, that the fines amounting to twenty-six 50/100 dollars (\$26.50), shown as due from Chapters, be remitted.

On the motion of R. E. Companion Black, seconded by V. E. Companion Clarke it was

RESOLVED, that the rent for the hall for this Grand Convocation be paid.

On the motion of R. E. Companion Black, seconded by V. E. Companion Clarke, it was

RESOLVED, that the Grand Tyler be paid the sum of five dollars (\$5.00) for his services.

On the motion of R. E. Companion Mercer, seconded by R. E. Companion Davison, it was

RESOLVED, that Honary Life Membership with the rank of Past Grand First Principal be conferred on M. E. Companion Costor of Saskatchewan, and M. E. Companion Dart of Manitoba.

On motion of V. E. Companion Tipp, seconded by V. E. Companion Keyte, it was..

RESOLVED, that a committee be appointed to revise the Standard By-Laws of Grand Chapter.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The installation the newly elected officer for 1934-35 was than proceeded with by M. E. Companion West, assisted by M. E. Companions Follet and Flan.

PRESENTATION OF REGALIA

M. E. Companion Davison: M. E. Companion West, on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, it is my privilege to present to you this Past Grand Principal's Regalia as a slight token of the esteem in which you are held by your companions. Your term of office came at a time when economic conditions made it impossible to record any gains in membership. Despite the handicaps under which you labored, we feel that your year was successful. We thank you for the interest you have always displayed in Royal Arch Masonry in Alberta and we know that in future you will be prepared to give us the benefit of your wisdom and

experience. We trust you will long be spared to wear this regalia, and we wish you well.

M. E. Companion West: I thank you, not alone for this added token of your esteem, but for the many kindnesses which you have given me during my year of office.

To you M. E. Sir, I can only say that I shall always be very happy to render any assistance to you and to this Grand Chapter of Alberta.

I shall carry through my life many pleasant memories of my year as the Grand First Principal.

GRAND CHAPTER CLOSED

The labors of the Convocation being ended, Grand Chapter was closed in AMPLE FORM at 5:45 o'clock p.m.

Cyril A. MacPherson

Grand Scribe E.



At 7:15 p.m. the members of Grand Chapter were entertained in the banquet room of the Temple at a dinner, after which there were interesting addresses and agreeable vocal selections.

**GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS SINCE ORGANIZATION,
MAY 29th, 1914**

*S. Y. Taylor.....	1914	J. E. Johnson.....	1924
*J. N. Rankin.....	1915	S.H. Middleton	1925
F. S. Watson.....	1916	E. G. Ironside.....	1926
R. Patterson.....	1917	*W. M. McNab	1927
*A. R. Dickson.....	1918	F. S. Selwood	1928
M. M. Downey	1919	J. R. Flan.....	1929
N. T. Macleod.....	1920	J. W. G. Morrison.....	1930
*H. Darling.....	1921	J. H. McGhee	1931
G. B. McLeod	1922	J. V. Follett	1932
W. T. Coote.....	1923	A. West.....	1933
		A. Davison.....	1934

HONORARY PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS

J. F. Yorke.....	Saskatchewan
D. F. Adams.....	British Columbia
G. G. Burgess.....	Saskatchewan
H. de Roche.....	Saskatchewan
A. Little.....	Manitoba
H. L. Adolph.....	Manitoba
R. J. F. Costor	Saskatchewan
J. F. Dart	Manitoba

HONORARY MEMBER

G. Syme.....	Manitoba
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GRAND SCRIBES E.

M. M. Downey.....	1914 - 1916
J. E. Johnson.....	1917 - 1921
E. G. Ironside.....	1922 - 1924
*C. R. Wentzel.....	1925 - 1932
C. A. MacPherson.....	1933 - 1934

* Deceased.

CHAPTERS BY MASONIC DISTRICTS

District No. 1

Grand Superintendent, R. E. Companion G. Lynwood Tipp
Address: 10608-81st Avenue, Edmonton

No. 2 North Star.....	Edmonton
No. 6 Mount Horeb.....	Wetaskiwin
No. 14 Vermilion.....	Vermilion
No. 17 Mount Olivet.....	Killam
No. 25 Strathcona.....	Edmonton

District No. 2

Grand Superintendent, R. E. Companion Charles E. Sowden
Address: Hanna

No. 19 Hiram.....	Youngstown
No. 23 Coronation.....	Coronation
No. 27 Eheyeh.....	Drumheller
No. 28 Hanna.....	Hanna

District No. 3

Grand Superintendent, R. E. Companion Frank W. Keyte
Address: 132-25th Avenue N. E. Calgary

No. 5 Golden West.....	High River
No. 11 Calgary.....	Calgary
No. 12 Keystone.....	Red Deer
No. 20 Banff.....	Banff
No. 22 Joseph Stauffer.....	Didsbury
No. 24 Crescent.....	Calgary

District No. 4

Grand Superintendent, R. E. Companion Charles Scaife
Address: 2508-16th Street E., Calgary

No. 1 Alberta.....	Calgary
No. 9 Otuskwan.....	Calgary
No. 10 Bow Valley.....	Gleichen
No. 21 Strathmore.....	Strathmore
No. 26 Harmony.....	Bassano

District No. 5

Grand Superintendent, R. E. Companion Leland W. Walkey, M.D.
Address: Pincher Creek

No. 3 Assiniboia.....	Medicine Hat
No. 4 Shekinah.....	Lethbridge
No. 7 Bekah.....	Macleod
No. 8 Kether.....	Pincher Creek
No. 15 Hillvue.....	Hillcrest
No. 16 Tau Cross.....	Claresholm

District No. 6

Grand Superintendent, R. E. Companion George Rait
Address: 12314-107th Avenue, Edmonton

No. 13 Capital City.....	Edmonton
No. 18 Norwood.....	Edmonton
No. 29 David Thompson.....	Jasper
No. 30 Edson.....	Edson

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President—R. E. Companion Walter E. Mercer, Grand H.
M. E. Companion Andrew Davison, Grand Z.

M. E. Companion Frederick S. Watson	P. G. Z.
M. E. Companion Robert Patterson	P. G. Z.
M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey	P. G. Z.
M. E. Companion Norman T. Macleod	P. G. Z.
M. E. Companion George B. McLeod	P. G. Z.
M. E. Companion William T. Coote	P. G. Z.
M. E. Companion John E. Johnson	P. G. Z.
M. E. Companion Samuel H. Middleton	P. G. Z.
M. E. Companion Edwin G. Ironside	P. G. Z.
M. E. Companion Frederick S. Selwood	P. G. Z.
M. E. Companion James R. Flan	P. G. Z.
M. E. Companion John W. G. Morrison	P. G. Z.
M. E. Companion James A. McGhee	P. G. Z.
M. E. Companion Joseph V. Follett	P. G. Z.
M. E. Companion Archibald West	P. G. Z.
R. E. Companion Henry Sandilands	Grand J.
R. E. Companion G. Lynwood Tipp	Grand Supt.
R. E. Companion Charles E. Sowdon	Grand Supt.
R. E. Companion Frank W. Keyte	Grand Supt.
R. E. Companion Charles Scaife	Grand Supt.
R. E. Companion Leland W. Walkey	Grand Supt.
R. E. Companion George Rait	Grand Supt.
R. E. Companion William C. Black	Grand Treasurer
R. E. Companion Cyril A. MacPherson	Grand Scribe E.
R. E. Companion W. Ford	Grand Scribe N.

ELECTED BY GRAND CHAPTER

V. E. Companion J. Lester Clarke	Two years
R. E. Companion John Rannard	Two years
R. E. Companion Harold W. B. Bell	Two years
R. E. Companion Edward A. Shaw	Two years
V. E. Companion John Cleveley	One year
V. E. Companion Walter Hill	One year
R. E. Companion C. Harry Minchin	One year
R. E. Companion George Cruickshank	One year

APPOINTED OFFICERS

The following officers were appointed by the Grand First Principal and the Special Committees named in accordance with resolutions passed.

GRAND LECTURER	M. E. Comp. JAMES R. FLAN, No. 9, Calgary.
Grand Senior Sojourner	V. E. Comp. Thomas Matthews, No. 11, Calgary.
Grand Junior Sojourner	V. E. Comp. George Milligan, No. 9, Calgary.
Grand Sword Bearer	V. E. Comp. George Grieve, No. 18, Edmonton.
Grand Master 1st Veil	V. E. Comp. John Cleveley, No. 13, Edmonton.
Grand Master 2nd Veil	V. E. Comp. Walter Whelpley, No. 30, Edson.
Grand Master 3rd Veil	V. E. Comp. Louis Michael, No. 10, Gleichen.
Grand Master 4th Veil	V. E. Comp. Walter Jones, No. 16, Claresholm.
Grand Dir. of Ceremonies	V. E. Comp. Edward Corley, No. 14, Vermilion.
Grand Organist	R. E. Comp. Frederick B. Cooper, No. 1, Calgary.
Grand Pursuivant	V. E. Comp. John G. Harrison, No. 10, Drumheller.
Grand Steward	V. E. Comp. Clarence W. Niblock, No. 3, Medicine Hat
Grand Steward	V. E. Comp. Alfred G. Ayres, No. 12, Red Deer.
Grand Steward	V. E. Comp. Peter A. Davie, No. 19, Youngstown
Grand Steward	V. E. Comp. Donald J. Lonsberry, No. 4, Lethbridge.
Grand Tyler	V. E. Comp. Gaius Allen, No. 9, Calgary

SUB COMMITTEES

Grand First Principal's Address

M. E. Companions F. S. Watson, R. Patterson, M. M. Downey, N. T. Macleod, G. B. McLeod, W. T. Coote, J. E. Johnson, S. H. Middleton, E. G. Ironside, F. S. Selwood, J. R. Flan, J. W. G. Morrison, J. A. McGhee, J. V. Follett, A. West.

Credentials

R. E. Companion W. C. Black, *Chairman*, R. E. Companions W. Hill, E. A. Shaw, J. Rannard, G. L. Tipp, C. E. Sowden, F. W. Keyte., C. Scaife, L. W. Walkey, G. Rait.

Warrants

M. E. Companion W. T. Coote, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions Downey, Morrison, McGhee; R. E. Companions Sowden, Keyte, Walkey.

Condition of Capitular Masonry

M. E. Companion E. G. Ironside, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions Coote, Middleton, Flan, McLeod, Macleod, West; R. E. Companions Cruickshank, Bell; V. E. Companion Cleveley.

Jurisprudence

M. E. Companion J. W. G. Morrison, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions Selwood, Downey, McLeod, Flan, West, Coote; R. E. Companions Ford, Rait, Minchin.

Audit and Finance

M. E. Companion F. S. Selwood, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions McGhee, Follett, West; R. E. Companions Mercer, Minchin, MacPherson, Bell; V. E. Companion Clarke.

Grievances and Appeals

M. E. Companion G. B. McLeod, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions McGhee, Follett; R. E. Companions Ford, Tipp, Cruickshank, Hill, Rannard; V. E. Companion Cleveley.

Benevolence

M. E. Companion J. R. Flan, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions Downey, Middleton, Selwood, Follett, McGhee, West, Macleod, Ironside; R. E. Companion Shaw; V. E. Companion Clarke.

Fraternal Dead

R. E. Companion H. Sandilands, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions McLeod, Downey; R. E. Companions Rait, Sowden, Bell, Walkey, Shaw; V. E. Companion Cleveley.

Foreign Correspondence

M. E. Companion M. M. Downey, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions Middleton, Ironside, Follett, Coote, Morrison, West.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Permanent Committee on Work

M. E. Companion S. H. Middleton, *Chairman*; M. E. Companion Flan; R. E. Companion MacPherson.

Library Committee

R. E. Companion W. E. Mercer, *Chairman*; R. E. Companions Sandilands, Cruickshank, Ford, Hill, Scaife, MacPherson.

Committee to Revise Method of Elections

M. E. Companion J. V. Follett, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions Selwood, McGhee; R. E. Companions Black, Scaife, Sandilands, Mercer, Tipp, Keyte.

Committee to Revise Standard By-Laws

M. E. Companion E. G. Ironside, *Chairman*; M. E. Companion Flan; R. E. Companions Tipp, Rannard, Ford; V. E. Companions Milne, Clarke.

The next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta will be held in the City of Calgary, on the third Wednesday being the 20th day of March, 1935.

C. A. MacPHERSON,
Grand Scribe E.

1412-2nd Street N.W., Calgary.

GRAND SECRETARIES OF GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS

Grand Chapter	Name	Address
Alabama.....	George A. Beauchamp.....	Montgomery, Masonic Temple
Arizona.....	Harry A. Drachman.....	Tucson, Box 238
Arkansas.....	John Q. Wolf.....	Batesville
British Columbia.....	John W. Prescott, G.S.E.....	Vancouver, 603 Hastings St. W.
California.....	Thomas A. Davies.....	San Francisco, Rm. 432, Mas. Temple
Canada.....	Edwin Smith.....	Toronto, 708 Temple Bldg.
Colorado.....	William W. Cooper.....	Denver, Rm. 319 Masonic Temple
Connecticut.....	George A. Kies.....	Hartford, Mas. Temple, 201 Ann St.
Delaware.....	John W. Macklem.....	Wilmington, Box 94
District of Columbia.....	J. Claude Keiper.....	Washington, Masonic Temple
England.....	P. Colville Smith, G.S.E.....	London, W. C. 2, Freemasons' Hall Gt. Queen Street
Florida.....	Wilber P. Webster.....	Box 618, Jacksonville
Georgia.....	William J. Penn Jr.....	Macon
Idaho.....	Edward H. Way.....	Boise, Box 1203
Illinois.....	James E. Jeffers.....	Springfield, Box 565
Indiana.....	Robert A. Woods.....	Princeton, Masonic Temple
Iowa.....	George E. Masters.....	Glenwood
Ireland.....	Henry C. Shellard, Gd. Reg.....	Dublin, Freemasons' Hall
Kansas.....	Elmer F. Strain.....	Masonic Temple, Topeka
Kentucky.....	G. Allison Holland.....	Lexington
Louisiana.....	Chas. C. Brown (Acting).....	302 Masonic Temple, New Orleans
Maine.....	Charles B. Davis.....	Portland, Masonic Temple
Manitoba.....	George Symes, G.S.E.....	Winnipeg, Masonic Temple
Maryland.....	Gustav A. Eitel.....	Baltimore, Masonic Temple
Massachusetts.....	Raymond T. Sewell.....	Boston, Rm. 209, Masonic Temple
Michigan.....	Charles A. Connover.....	Coldwater, 95 W. Chicago St.
Minnesota.....	John Fishel.....	St. Paul, Mas. Temple, 6th and Smith
Mississippi.....	Edward L. Fuacette.....	Meridian
Missouri.....	Ray V. Denslow.....	Trenton
Montana.....	Luther T. Hauberg.....	Helena, Box 896
Nebraska.....	Lewis E. Smith.....	Omaha, Rm. 401, Masonic Temple
Nevada.....	L. William Semenza.....	Reno
New Brunswick.....	J. Twinning Hartt.....	St. John, Masonic Temple
New Hampshire.....	Harry M. Cheney.....	Concord, 44 South Main St.
New Jersey.....	Charles D. McCracken.....	Lambertville, 5 Jefferson St.
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New York.....	Charles C. Hunt.....	New York City, Masonic Hall
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North Dakota.....	Walter L. Stockwell.....	Fargo
Nova Scotia.....	Brenton F. Porter.....	Truro, Box 135
Ohio.....	Mont C. Hambright.....	Springfield
Oklahoma.....	Ira B. Kirkland.....	Muskogee
Oregon.....	D. Rufus Cheney.....	Portland, Masonic Temple
Pennsylvania.....	Joseph E. Quinby.....	Philadelphia, Masonic Temple, Broad and Filbert Streets
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Tennessee.....	Thomas E. Doss.....	Nashville, Scottish Rite Temple
Texas.....	Thomas M. Bartley.....	Waco
Utah.....	John M. Dunlap.....	Salt Lake City, Masonic Temple
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GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

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CAPITULAR PROCEEDINGS

REVIEWED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE
FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE COMMITTEE

Alabama.....	1933	Montana.....	1932-33
Arizona.....	1932-33	Nevada.....	1933
Arkansas.....	1931-32	New Brunswick...	1932
British Columbia.....	1932-33	New Jersey.....	1933
California.....	1932-33	New Mexico.....	1931
Canada.....	1933	New South Wales.....	1932
Colorado.....	1932-33	New York.....	1933
Connecticut.....	1932-33	New Zealand.....	1933
Delaware.....	1931-33	North Carolina..	1933
District of Columbia.....	1931-32-33	North Dakota.....	1932
England.....	1932-33	Nova Scotia ..	1932-33
Florida.....	1933	Ohio.....	1932-33
Gen. Gr. Chapter of U.S.	1933	Oklahoma.....	1931-33
Georgia.....	1933	Oregon.....	1931-32-33
Idaho.....	1932	Pennsylvania.....	1932-33
Illinois.....	1933	Quebec.....	1932-33
Iowa.....	1932	Queensland.....	1932-33
Ireland.....	1932	Saskatchewan.....	1931-33
Kansas.....	1933	South Dakota.....	1933
Louisiana.....	1932-33	Tennessee.....	1933-34
Maine.....	1933	Texas.....	1932-33
Manitoba.....	1932-33	Vermont.....	1932-33
Massachusetts.....	1932-33	Virginia.....	1932
Michigan.....	1932	Washington.....	1932-33
Minnesota.....	1932-33	West Virginia.....	1933
Mississippi.....	1932-33	Wisconsin.....	1932
		Wyoming.....	1933

ALABAMA

The One Hundred and Seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Alabama was held in the City of Montgomery, on December 4th, 1933, the Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion William H. Stewart, presiding.

The commission of the Representative of Alberta had been revoked on account of his absence from three successive Grand Convocations. We have a similar rule in Alberta.

During the year the Grand High Priest sent out an urgent call for donations for the Masonic Home which is maintained for brethren, and widows and orphans of brethren.

Grand Chapter has discontinued a scholarship grant of \$200.00 in the University of the South this year, to reduce expenditures.

The committee on "Masonry and American Citizenship" deals with the public school system in the state. Their report states: "The sad state of our public schools in our own state should bring a blush of shame to the cheek of every Mason in our commonwealth." We find that the Grand Bodies in some of the United States Jurisdictions take a very live interest in the public school question.

The net loss in membership during the year was 20 per cent. This is a very heavy decrease, and the Grand Chapter is taking every means to save the situation.

No Correspondence Report is published.

The Order of Anointed High Priests held a session during the recess of Grand Chapter.

68 Chapters. 5,854 Members. Decrease, 1,462.

M. E. Companion James J. Douglas, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion Guy T. Smith, Grand Secretary.

M. M. D.

ARIZONA, 1932

The Forty-second Annual Convocation was held at Tucson Tuesday, March 8th, 1932, M. E. Companion George E. McMillan, G.H.P., presiding.

Arizona has a membership of 1,430 and sustained a loss of 89—rather striking for so small a Grand Chapter. The Grand Secretary says, "The loss is much too great for so small a Jurisdiction."

We wonder if Arizona "lives unto itself," as no report is vouchsafed dealing with either "Foreign" or "Fraternal" correspondence? Moreover, it would appear there was no Roll Call of Grand Representatives.

The G.H.P. requests the various Chapters "to be as lenient as possible with unfortunate companions" who are delinquent in payment of their dues. Judging from the reports of many Grand Bodies, the cloak of Charity in this connection is a close-fitting garment.

We wish Arizona every success.

S. H. M.

ARIZONA

The Forty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Arizona was held in the City of Phoenix, on March 14th, 1933.

Four of the Grand Officers were absent, but nine Past Grand High Priests and our Grand Representative, E. Companion Everett H. McEachreun, were present. The latter was advanced to the office of Grand Captain of the Host. All Chapters were represented.

Grand High Priest Clarence V. Gulley is, and has been, a very active member of the Masonic Order. He gave a fine address and in his opening remarks showed that he was enthusiastic, optimistic and full of vigor. Wisely he said: "If ever there was a time in the history of Masonry when we should be tolerant, when we should spread the mantle of charity, when we should temper justice with mercy, that time is right now. But, we must not be discouraged." As in all other jurisdictions the depression was acute, so he recommended "that one-half of the per capita tax for 1932 be remitted to the Chapters," which gained Grand Chapter's approval. He was able to visit ten of the twelve Chapters. He had no decisions to make.

The finances of Grand Chapter were in good shape, as a report showed \$16,000 held in bonds, and receipts and expenditures about equal.

The Grand Lecturer, Carey B. Wilson, visited every Chapter, which was commendable as the Chapters are rather widely scattered. For the first time in several years there were some very favorable results from the efforts. He found most Chapters eager to learn, and, generally, doing well. The funds of several of the Chapters had been tied up when their banks had suspended payment.

Henceforth Grand Chapter will be governed by a Board of four Trustees, as the Constitution was amended to that extent.

There is no Foreign Correspondent's Review.

12 Chapters. 1,187 Members. Net Loss, 125.

E.G.I.

 ARKANSAS, 1931

The Eighty-second Annual Convocation was held at Little Rock, Tuesday, March 3rd, 1931. M. E. Companion O. E. Williams, G.H.P., opened Grand Chapter with a full complement of officers. The renowned Jay Hemstead was also in attendance. Regret to notice, however, that Alberta was not represented.

Rather interesting to note that the P.G.H.P.'s were called and appeared before the altar. Was it not the altar, dear reviewer?

The G.H.P., discussing the loss in membership, states: "I am of the opinion that it is largely the natural deflation that has to come after a period of inflation and over-expansion, and in using these terms I use them in a fraternal sense, as well as economic. During the war everyone wanted to become a Mason, and we took in many members that we were unable to assimilate. It is better that some of them have dropped out." We congratulate you, sir, on voicing your opinion. It

is better—yea, infinitely better—that the non-interested members be left by the wayside. Such are an incubus to Masonic progress.

General G.H.P. Neillson was present and contributed to the meeting much food for thought, stating, *inter alia*, "Ours is a day of moral sagging, and materialism is disturbing those who desire humanity's good. Our young men discover much in the business world that is lacking in honour. Chivalry is but a memory and life is held cheap. Having a membership running into millions, Masonry, with its widely extended influence, should be a vital force in world affairs, contributing to the contentment of humanity and the well-being of mankind." Again it is the "still small voice" and such influence cannot be measured.

The "Correspondence Review" is from the pen of W. P. Olney. His reviews are brief, concise, crisp; some are even pungent. He remarks that Arkansas was not included in our recent Proceedings. Herewith we rectify the inadvertent omission.

S.H.M.

— — — ARKANSAS, 1932

The Eighty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Arkansas, was held at Little Rock, on November 17th, 1932.

This was a short Capitular year, beginning on March 1st.

There were present fifteen Grand Officers and eleven Past Grand High Priests, the latter being welcomed at the altar and given Grand Honors.

At Roll Call, our newly appointed Grand Representative, E. Companion E. G. Turner, answered. He was chairman of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Twenty-three Chapters were not represented.

In his address, Grand High Priest C. J. Gregory stated he had long planned to make many visits, during his official year, to the various Chapters, but, as Grand Chapter had curtailed appropriations, his activities had been limited, although he had carried on all Grand Chapter business by mail, making only seven visits to Chapters, he was of the opinion that it is most desirable that the Grand High Priest should make as many visitations as possible. We surely concur in this. He said: "The condition of the Craft is about the same as I found it on March 1st. To be perfectly frank, this condition is not good. But, companions, it has been my observation that no condition can be so bad that it could not be worse, nor none so good but that it might be better. I am convinced the world never needed Royal Arch Masonry as badly as it does now, and if we are ever going to give to the world a reason for our existence, now is the challenging time.

He quoted Albert Einstein, the great German scientist, as saying: "That every man is here for the sake of others. I realize how much my own outer and inner life is built upon the labors of other men, both living and dead, and how earnestly I must exert myself in order to give as much as I have received."

The charters of three Chapters were arrested.

Among the Grand High Priest's recommendations were—(1) That the office of Grand Deputy High Priest be discontinued. (2) That

the occupants of the office of Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer be automatically retired at the age of seventy years. (3) That the office of Fraternal Correspondent be restored at an annual stipend of \$100.00 a year. However, Grand Chapter disapproved of all three.

The District Deputies did good work, and were charged to be as lenient as possible in the collection of dues.

Finances were none too good. The amount on hand was \$2,688.00; the income about \$2,000.00; and the estimated expenditure was \$3,010.00.

The Budget Committee intimated that, unless conditions improve the mileage and per diem to those attending Grand Chapter must be decreased or else that Grand Chapter sessions be held every other year. Twenty Chapters owe Grand Chapter two or more years' dues.

No Fraternal Review was published.
67 Chapters. 4,898 Members. Net loss, 692.

E.G.I.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1932

The Fourteenth Annual Convocation was held at Vancouver, June 22nd, 1932, M. E. Companion W. A. Stewart presiding. Alberta was represented by R. E. Companion J. W. Prescott.

The Grand Master of Masons in the Province of British Columbia, M. W. Brother Henry Morley, received a cordial welcome from the Grand Z. Quite right.

The Grand Z. must be a "Knight of the Road." He takes nine pages to tell where he went, what he saw and how he was treated. He must, moreover, be a ritualist, as the finale of his address is couched in true Masonic language: "May the Most High . . . prosper our united endeavours."

A work of supererogation was performed by the Grand Second Principal in submitting a report of his official activities. Alberta dropped this idea some years ago as being a useless appendix. We wonder Grand Scribe E., Companion Prescott has not performed the necessary operation.

Six Grand Superintendents render reports of their official acts. The report of Grand Scribe E. is brief, bright and breezy. You are never in doubt as to what is meant or even implied. Here is a sample: "The Exaltations numbered 64, being 50 less than last year. The gross loss for the year was 148 as against 172 last year." "The Chapters have obviously displayed consideration to companions who were unable to pay dues."

R. E. Companion S. Fea, Grand Registrar, keeps the Historical Register up to date, he says: "The history of a people is the history of the country. The history of our members is the history of our Chapter."

The Grand Z., on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Canada (or is it "Ontario"?), made a pleasing presentation of a jewel with bar to R. E. Companion Pantton, who completed 55 years as a Past Principal. What a record! He was First Principal of a Chapter when the good Queen Victoria was on the throne. Compared with today, that was a quiet and leisurely world. Companion Pantton, you have seen many

changes; the greatest being during the past twenty years, when more history has been made than during any two centuries previously.

The "Report on Correspondence" is again written by R. E. Companion Prescott. Being the Grand Representative of Alberta he obviously has a weakness for this Province. He has given us four pages of an exhaustive review. We heartily reciprocate all the sentiments expressed regarding M. E. Companion Morrison. His official year was one of abiding strength. Whilst not having time to write so many reviews as formerly, our interest is just as keen; probably keener, if such be possible.

Companion Prescott nibbles the choicest morsels from the various Proceedings. Under "Canada," he gives quotations of great historical value to the effect that Sir John A. Macdonald was a Royal Arch Mason, likewise the Rt. Rev. Bishop Sillitoe. Neither of us ever passes through "Canada" without mentioning the erudite Ponton. He is in a class by himself. May he live long and die happy.

It is always a pleasure to read the Proceedings of British Columbia

S.H.M.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1933

The Fifteenth Annual Convocation was held in the City of Victoria, June 21st, 1933, M. E. Companion Drake, Grand Z., presiding. Alberta, as usual, was well represented by R. E. Companion Prescott.

The Grand Z. was not called upon to make any rulings. "For this clean sheet," he says, "I express my thanks." Lucky fellow, can you wonder that peace and harmony reign supreme!

This peaceful outlook seemed to characterize Grand Chapter. The Grand First Principal, for instance, takes eight pages in reporting his official itinerary and relates in detail the (shall we say?) accepted fraternal gestures due his position. *Inter alia*: "I was received with Grand Honours—A very enjoyable evening was spent—The meeting was greatly enjoyed—We were met—taken to the hotel and entertained magnificently—I was accorded a most cordial and warm reception—I reviewed the wonderful apple orchards." All of which is deeply interesting, but so obvious! A higher note, however, is struck under "Conclusion": "Let us try to develop, not only in ourselves, but in all with whom we come in daily contact, a due appreciation of the deeper things of life. To forget for a time, if we can, the struggle and competition for the mundane things, and consider and meditate on the things that really matter."

The Grand Scribe E. presented a very concise business report. The expenditures were well within the revenue. He shows a loss of 149 members. The reports of the Grand Superintendents indicate the regional difficulties against which many Chapters have to contend. In many cases it is the sheer grit and burning enthusiasm of the few that keep the Royal Arch functioning at remote points.

A very good photograph of R. E. Companion Prescott, Grand Representative of Alberta, appears in this volume. We have before us a double-barrelled review—1932-1933. Companion Prescott takes a sly dig at our Grand Z. He writes: "He (McGhee) holds an important position with the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. and therefore had every facility to travel." True, Oh Scribe—literally—"Lucky Jim."!

The reviewer disposes of 1932 and hastens to 1933, stating, in passing, that M. E. Companion Follett's address "is one of the most useful and practical essays of the kind published." Further, "For a hard-working medical practitioner he certainly did wonders, and left an impression in the good results of his work."

We must quote also the following: "Some reductions are made in the various expenses and most unfortunate of all the preparation and publication of the correspondence report is abolished, at any rate, for the present. The chairman of the Committee is M. E. Companion Middleton, one of the ablest writers at the Round Table, whose delightful contributions will be missed, not only in his Jurisdiction, but in all others."

Thank you, Sir; your kind sentiment is only equalled by your charming British Columbia climate, attracting all and sundry. The omission of one year's "Fraternal Correspondence" has brought so much criticism and aroused the ire of so many reviewers that Poe's "Quoth the Raven—Nevermore" will henceforth be our motto.

Under "Canada," Companion Prescott asks a two-edged question: "Does this mean that such committee members must live in the Province of Ontario; or is it the commencement of the reunification of Dominion-wide Jurisdiction?" The answer, if given, is bound to be illuminating.

S.H.M.

CALIFORNIA, 1932

The Seventy-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of California was held at Long Beach on April 19th, 1932.

M. E. Companion Ray R. Woodward, Grand High Priest, presided, with ten Past Grand High Priests in attendance. Among these we note Alberta's Grand Representative, M. E. Companion Charles H. King.

Distinguished visitors were present from Vermont, Montana, Missouri and Kansas, as well as from the Grand Council and Grand Commandery of California.

The Grand H. P. made a most commendable showing, having visited 112 out of 130 Chapters, travelling 27,000 miles.

Speaking of work in the Chapter, Companion Woodward says: "Our ritualistic work should be maintained at a high standard. Candidates expect good work, true work and efficient work, and such work they have expected to receive when seeking further light in Masonry. More interest will be manifested if the conferring of the Chapter degrees will equal, if not excel, the efficiency of the work of the first three degrees."

Nevada has adopted the ritual of the Grand Chapter of California.

Consolidation of Chapters was recommended. Minimum fee is now \$30.00 for exaltation.

A convention of the Order of High Priesthood was held.

E. Companion William T. Paullin writes the review. He courteously gives to Alberta one page.

130 Chapters. 25,563 Members. Decrease, 944.

M. E. Companion Claudius A. Marekley, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion Thomas A. Davies, Grand Secretary.

M.M.D.

CALIFORNIA

The Seventy-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter R. A. M. of California assembled in Civic Auditorium, Riverside, on April 18th, 1933.

M. E. Companion Carl Barnard, Grand High Priest, presided:

This Grand Body began its proceedings by presenting the Flag of its Country at the Altar, saluting it, singing the National Anthem and escorting the flag to its appropriate place in the East.

On reading the different and varied ways in which Grand Chapters are opened in the several States of the U.S.A., one wonders if diversity is the keynote.

The Grand High Priest expressed sentiments common to all addresses from all Grand Chapters; namely, that the confidence, faith and hopes in our Order are just as high, just as firm and just as deep-rooted as ever, and even more so as the result of our "crosses and losses." That while we have lost in numbers we have gained in understanding, in friendliness, in tolerance, in fervour and in concern.

No applications for new Chapters were received, and the Grand Officers were of the opinion that the consolidation of two or more Chapters in many cases would be advantageous to the Chapters individually and the Order generally.

It seems that in the State of California a week called "Public Schools Week" was a special observation, and the Grand High Priest associated his Craftsmen with the Masonic Grand Lodge in California in requesting that no meeting be held in any Chapter on the night on which a meeting for the observance of Public Schools Week is held in the community in which the Chapter is located. It must indeed have been a very special event if a Chapter was asked to suspend its regular meeting date.

The Grand High Priest visited some 60 Chapters individually and about 40 others collectively at District gatherings, covering 17,000 miles by rail, auto and aeroplane in so doing.

Among dispensations granted we note several allowing a ballot on candidates without reference to a committee. To us this is an unusual proceeding and one that, we think, is not in the best interests of the Order.

The disbursements for the year exceeded the income.

130 Chapters. 23,437 Members. Loss, 1,216.

J.V.F.

CANADA

The Seventy-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of (the Province of Ontario) Canada was held in the City of London, Ontario, on February 22nd and 23rd, 1933.

M. E. Companion C. W. Haentschel, Grand First Principal, presided. There were five Past Grand Z's present.

Alberta's Representative, our own R. E. Companion John M. Empey, was in attendance.

Two Past Grand Z.'s answered the last call; M. E. Companion Fred Harcourt was better known in Alberta than M. E. Companion Michael Walsh. These companions served their Grand Chapter well.

M. E. Companion Haentschel attended the Grand Chapters of Quebec, Michigan and New York, as well as his own Grand Lodge in Ontario.

The Grand Z. ruled: That an unaffiliated Mason was ineligible to join a Royal Arch Chapter; that a suspended Master Mason could still hold membership in a Chapter. We concur in the former ruling, but think Canada's Constitution could stand amending in the latter.

Honorary Past Z. rank was conferred on Companion John A. Rowland, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario.

We congratulate our Mother Grand Chapter on the celebration of its seventy-fifth anniversary.

The report of the committee on the Condition of Masonry is well worth study. We excerpt: "The great need in this day of trial and tribulation is a practical application of the fundamental principles of Good Masonry. Its benign influence may prove a governing factor in the settlement of Life's problems, in the adjustment of the differences existing between classes and masses, and in the correction of those evils which threaten to destroy the very foundation of our social structure. This is the challenge of the hour, and in meeting these responsibilities with a true heart, a firm purpose and an unwavering determination, we shall add lustre to the escutcheon of Masonry and go far towards alleviating human suffering."

The Review of sister Chapter Proceedings is in a class by itself. M. E. Companion N. Ponton is the author.

159 Chapters. 24,068 Members. Decrease, 1,156.

M. E. Companion Charles W. Haentschel, Grand Z.

M. E. Companion Edwin Smith, Grand Scribe E.

M.M.D.

COLORADO, 1932

The Forty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Colorado was held in the City of Denver on September 22nd, 1932, with the Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Harold E. Hedlund, presiding.

E. Companion William S. Pickerill, Alberta's Representative, was in attendance.

Colorado mourns the loss by death of R. E. Companion Richard J. Woodward, Grand Scribe.

The Grand Lodge of Colorado has lifted for one year its ban against soliciting for members for the Chapters.

Provision has been wisely made that a Chapter does not pay per capita dues for a member whose dues have been remitted.

Convention of High Priesthood was held.

E. Companion Edwin H. Snyder wrote the Review. Accounting for decrease in members he said inability to pay is the chief reason and

lack of interest a second reason. In our opinion many factors contribute to the lack of interest, modern civilization being the chief.

53 Chapters. 7,612 Members. Decrease, 257.

M. E. Companion Lee R. Horn, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion William W. Cooper, Grand Secretary.

M.M.D.

COLORADO

The Fifty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Colorado was held in Denver, September 21st, 1933.

M. E. Companion Lee R. Horn, Grand High Priest.

Alberta was represented by Companion William S. Pickerill.

Distinguished representatives were welcomed from the Grand Chapters of Texas, Wyoming and Idaho; the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Missouri; Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Colorado, and the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in Colorado.

The Grand High Priest reported peace and harmony throughout the Grand Jurisdiction, and, despite losses, the Chapters were in good condition. A few of the Chapters and individual members were handicapped because, unfortunately, their funds had been deposited in banks that closed their doors.

Several amendments to the constitution were introduced; one reducing the per capita tax from sixty-five cents to forty cents; and the fee for each companion exalted to the Royal Arch Degree from sixty-five cents to forty cents. Another that the per capita tax be waived for companions whose annual dues had been remitted by the constituent Chapters. Both were rejected.

The Grand Lecturer visited each Chapter in the Jurisdiction during the year and a separate report of each visit was sent to the Grand High Priest. This plan should make for uniformity in conferring degrees and exemplifying any part of the Work. His suggestion that where Chapters have no candidates degrees might be exemplified on substitute candidates is a good one and is practised in some of our Alberta Chapters.

Annual expenditures exceeded annual income by \$420.67.

51 Chartered Chapters. 6,922 Members. Loss, 433.

J.V.F.

CONNECTICUT, 1932

The One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut was held in the City of Hartford on May 10th, 1932. M. E. Companion Clinton G. Nichols, Grand High Priest, presided, and supporting him were fifteen Past Grand High Priests.

Alberta's Representative, E. Companion Frederick E. Bartholomew, was present.

Distinguished visitors were present from Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermont and Pennsylvania.

We note the passing of M. E. Companion Lonie L. Beach, P.G.H.P.

From the address of the Grand High Priest on Finance we excerpt:
 "I approach this subject with some degree of hesitancy. In these days whenever the word 'finances' is whispered, or even breathed, some people execute an epileptic. And yet, a discussion seems appropriate and essential. I believe most thoroughly that our expenditures should be kept with our current income, providing no essential activity be omitted or curtailed. There must be 'fat' years and there must be 'lean' years. That is the history of the world, the nation, and the people. Indeed, one of the most striking examples of this character is recorded in Holy Writ. If it becomes necessary to draw on an accumulated surplus to meet the exigencies of less favorable times, wherein is there fault in our financial structure? Certain activities must be continued, or there will be a collapse of the entire structure." Many Grand Jurisdictions are giving much attention to this question in these days and endeavoring to budget expenses.

Again we quote: "I do not believe this is the time even to suggest an increase in per capita tax, or to recommend any other source of revenue involving larger contribution from the Chapters. I believe our expenses can be financed, even with the probable decrease in our current income due to demissions, and other losses in membership."

The decisions rendered appear to be along Constitutional lines.

We think the following recommendation good: "2. That action be taken, if possible, to empower Constituent Chapters to restore demitted members to active membership without payment of an affiliation fee, but subject to all of the other restrictions imposed by our Constitution and Regulations; providing however, that such authority be restricted to those companions seeking affiliation with the Chapter from which demission originally was granted."

M. E.:Companion Kies very courteously writes a one-page review of Alberta.

46 Chapters. Members, 16,056. Decrease, 407.

M. E. Companion George C. Devaul, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion George A. Kies, Grand Secretary.

M.M.D.

. CONNECTICUT

The One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut was held in the City of Hartford, on May 9th, 1933.

M. E. Companion George C. Devaul, Grand High Priest.

On the day preceding the Annual Convocation a special Convocation of the M. E. the Grand Chapter was held in the Masonic Temple at Hartford, at 2:30 p.m., for the purpose of exemplifying the Holy Royal Arch Degree by the Grand Chapter Officers, and evidently a Chapter of Instruction in this degree, as remarks were made and questions answered. Not a bad idea at all. Might be copied by other Grand Chapters with profit.

At the annual Grand Convocation Alberta was not respresented. How about it, Companion Bartholomew?

There were distinguished visitors from several of the neighbouring Grand Chapters, but none from any Canadian Grand Chapter.

The Grand High Priest gave a very exhaustive address, a few of his remarks being worth repeating: "The value of Capitular Masonry can best be determined by the measure which the individual places upon its possession. It can mean to every Mason just as much as he is willing to allow it. It is an investment which at all times is worth 100 per cent, and its dividends are still collectable to him who would apply himself."

This Grand Chapter evidently arranges for each Constituent Chapter to be visited by at least one member of the Grand Council annually, so that during the three years each Grand High Priest will be enabled to visit each Chapter in the jurisdiction. This seems a sane and logical procedure and one that can easily be copied with advantage.

We are in hearty accord with the views of the Grand High Priest regarding the non-contribution of Chapter funds for public campaigns; and also with his idea of Grand Scribe E. being in close touch with the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge for the purpose of being informed of those members who have been deprived of their standing in Craft Lodges.

Alberta Proceedings for 1932 are carefully reviewed and kindly reference made to the illness and subsequent death of R. E. Companion Wentzel.

46 Chapters. 15,227 Members. Loss, 829.

J.V.F.

DELAWARE, 1931

The Sixty-third Annual Convocation was held at Wilmington January 21st, 1931, M. E. Companion W. O. Wingate presiding.

Distinguished visitors from Connecticut, Vermont, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Maryland were formally presented and welcomed with Grand Honours.

The G.H.P. reports a bare loss of twenty-seven. It would therefore appear that Delaware has crossed the Rubicon. How gratifying to the heart of a G.H.P. to exclaim officially, "Peace and harmony prevail and I have not been called upon to make any decisions." Lucky Jim, Oh, how I envy him!

Alberta was represented by Companion J. W. Macklen. Under "Foreign Affairs," the Grand Chapter of Queensland was accorded official recognition.

Companion Thos. J. Day reviewed the 1929 and 1930 Proceedings of Alberta. He gives a quotation from our "Foreword" for which thanks are duly recorded.

S.H.M.

DELAWARE

The Sixty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Delaware was held in the City of Wilmington on January 18th, 1933.

M. E. Grand High Priest Harry V. Holloway, presided.

The Grand Chapter of Alberta was represented by M. E. Companion John W. Macklem.

Distinguished visitors were received from the Grand Chapters of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York, West Virginia and Maryland; also the Deputy Grand Master of Masons of Delaware.

The address of the M. E. Grand High Priest is largely philosophic, being flavoured with Masonic teaching, Biblical reference, and nature analogy.

He states: "Masonry is neither dead nor dying. Into the eternal soil of spiritual principles it sends forth its roots, and in the pure sunlight of Divine favour it spreads its branches. With institutions, as in the natural world, growth is not constant but periodic, and its rate varies with conditions."

"Because spiritual things are eternal, the institution which makes them the basis of its existence, will persist." He believes that Masonry is good for you, good for me and good for our country. We agree wholeheartedly.

After mentioning the political changes occurring in Europe, with their consequent social changes, the Grand High Priest becomes a little prophetic and opines that "if the new order of things is to be an improvement on the old, I am convinced the greater concern for the welfare and happiness of the individual must be the outstanding fact."

There are only five Chapters in this Jurisdiction, and all were visited at regular meetings.

We note with regret that the Grand High Priest and many Grand Chapter officers and their wives were guests of one of the subordinate Chapters at a Sunday afternoon picnic. That might seem quite proper in Delaware, but I do not think we would sponsor such an event in even the "Wild and woolly West" of Alberta. We have different views on Masonic Sunday example. The Delaware companions have certainly wandered far from the Puritans.

During the year there was not a single exaltation in the Jurisdiction and only one affiliation; but the Grand High Priest reports one Chapter with six petitions already and others in prospect. "The sap is beginning to run."

5 Chapters. 1,767 Members. Loss, 74.

J. V. F.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1931

The Sixty-fourth Annual Convocation was held at Washington, D.C., February 11th, 1931, M. E. Companion L. W. Estes presiding.

The G. H. Priest's Address is amazing in its comprehension and occupies seventeen closely-typed pages. Under various headings he drives home many Masonic (ofttimes forgotten) truths. Ten suggestions are made to Chapters, number five of which is most timely and should be broadcast throughout every Jurisdiction: "Quiet—It will be the duty of the High Priest to see that his Chapter is absolutely quiet when the degree work is in process." A Royal Arch Chapter is a dedicated area, and has no relationship to a Chatauqua.

Under "Decisions," he ruled that it is quite Masonic to receive a petition from a person who has a wooden leg. With this we are in

absolute agreement. It is better to have a man in our Chapter with a wooden leg, than one with a wooden head! We have too many of the latter type now in our ranks.

We really chuckled when reading of the Grand High Priest's official visitations. He takes a bare page, but says more than many who squander ten pages on meaningless banalities, such as "I was hospitably received" and "The members were delightfully nice and kind." When reading such stuff, one's mind reverts to the Anglican Episcopalian Litany: "From ail such. . . . Good Lord, deliver us."

M. E. Companion Estes continues: "Grand Visitations—To my mind, the original purpose for which these functions were inaugurated was connected with the desirability of exercising a proper supervision over the affairs of the several Chapters. In other words, it was a matter of business administration. The social features were more or less an afterthought." As the old darkie said, "Them's my sentiments." With such capable administration you would expect to find an increase of membership. That is just what happened.

We have just finished reading a deeply absorbing book—"This Bewildered World"—by that far-travelled Mason Frazier Hunt. Still turning over the pages of the Proceedings we were confronted with another world—"This Capitular World" or "Doings of the various Grand Chapters," written by Companion C. Fred Cook.

Several years ago, writing a "Forword," we emphasized the appalling lack of leadership in both Chapters and Grand Chapters. In doing so we "Drew a bow at a venture." Companion Cook justifies all that was said, for he now writes: "As an exponent of 'leadership', this reviewer need only point out that the District of Columbia shows a net gain in members for the Capitular year 1930, following a net loss covering several of the preceding years. This gain is undoubtedly due to the fact that it had, as Grand High Priest during the year 1930, a real 'leader'." It is a far cry from Washington, D.C., to Alberta, but the need is exactly the same.

Under "Arkansas" he quotes one reviewer who "suggests some worth-while remedies." One is: "have efficient officers." How long, comes the cry, shall we be content to wallow in the dust rather than "hitch our wagon to a star"!

S.H.M.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1932

The Sixty-fifth Annual Convocation was held at Washington, D.C., February 10th, 1932, M. E. Companion L. H. Waring presiding. The Grand Chaplain opened the meeting with prayer.

Alberta was not represented.

The G.H. Priest commences his address with: "The economic and financial depression extends from the Atlantic to the Pacific and is reflected in the reports of our Grand Royal Arch Chapters of other States and all other fraternal organizations as well." How familiar it all sounds!

He granted several Dispensations; one for rather a peculiar reason: "To shorten the statutory period of residence in the case of a minister of the Gospel." We hope no favours were extended in this case, because

a "minister of the Gospel" should always maintain his stand as a "man" first. At least, such has been our experience.

The Masonic Service Bureau is rendering noteworthy service. The slogan adopted is very appealing: "The employer must be served; the applicant must be qualified." Such tenets develop confidence.

The Grand High Priest states: "Numerous visitations were received and accepted from various other Masonic and allied bodies—Blue Lodges, Councils, Commanderies, Eastern Star Chapters, Job's Daughters, The Order of De Molay, etc."

A wide latitude seems to be extended in the District of Columbia Alberta's G.H.P. is allowed no such privilege; he must confine his visitations to essentially Masonic rites and not to other "Allied Bodies." Some of these are not even known to Albertans. However, we may be "old-fashioned" and lovers of "Tradition"!

What a delightful ending to a very interesting address, when the G.H.P. voices his appreciation of the Grand Secretary, J. Claude Keiper, "who is a veritable *Multum in Parvo*." We have at different times heard him described as "An indefatigable and efficient secretary." Judging from observations, both are by no means redundant.

The Grand Lecturer, Lucien G. Young, holds a School of Instruction twice per month. Would that other Grand Chapters govern themselves accordingly.

A loss of 144 was sustained.

"The Capitular World" is again written by Companion C. Fred Cook. His first blow is a "Knock-out," stating he is an exponent of "Leadership." Keep hammering, Excellent Sir, there is much yet to be done.

There will be no complaint this year that "Columbia" was not included.

S.H.M.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Sixty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the District of Columbia was held at Washington, on February 8th, 1933.

All Grand Chapter officers, seven Past Grand High Priests and representatives from every one of the sixteen Chapters were present.

Our Grand Representative, E. Companion James A. West was not present. We cannot say whether he is a relative of our Grand First Principal, Archie West, or not.

The address of Grand High Priest Charles C. Coombs, as stated by the Committee dealing with the same, "is clear and concise, and breaths a spirit of fraternalism to be expected from one who has given so unstintingly of his time and labor for the advancement of every branch of Masonry."

M. E. Companion Coombs says, concerning present day Masonry, "The difficulties confronting us are not insurmountable." "The failure of many of our members to meet their financial obligations to their Chapters is not due directly to their inability to pay. No Chapter ever knowingly drops a companion who cannot pay his dues." "All

of us must agree that the ideal condition for any body of men is one in which every member has work to do and does it."

The Schools of Instruction were well attended, and much appreciation was expressed for the splendid services of the Grand Lecturer, Grand Visitor and the Committee on Work.

The General Grand Chapter was to meet the second week of October, 1933, in Washington, D.C., and this for so small a Grand Chapter, required much time and work.

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial was dedicated on May 12th, 1932, and a large body of Masons of the District of Columbia attended as a unit. The rain, however, marred the ceremony. As Sam J. Helm of Texas says, "They all took their washing to Washington,—the weather-man 'done his darndest,' perhaps under the impression that the Memorial was erected to an Admiral instead of a General."

M. E. Companion Coombs was presented with a handsome set of dining-room furniture by the High Priests' Association. He received a Past Grand High Priests jewel, also.

The Fraternal Review by E. Companion John A. Moyer, was made brief and "sufficient for certain reference purposes and to call attention to practices, decisions, etc., that are peculiar to certain jurisdictions only." And room was found for Alberta.

16 Chapters. 5,682 Members. Net loss, 215.

E.G.I.

ENGLAND, 1932

The Grand Chapter of England met in Quarterly Convocations in February, May and August, 1932.

M. E. Companion Lord Ampthill, Pro Grand First Principal, presided. The officers of this Grand Chapter are the companions who hold corresponding positions in the Grand Lodge. Each Constituent Chapter is attached to a Lodge. Chapters from time to time transfer, with the consent of the Lodge in question and Grand Chapter, from one Lodge to another.

A resolution was moved rescinding a former one which prevented companions of enemy birth from attending Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Amount expended on benevolence was £221.

The session of August, 1932, was held in the New Temple.

Where such did not exist, District Grand Chapters were empowered to establish a District General Purpose Committee.

The Grand Lodge-Chapter officers visited the Grand Lodge of Sweden and the Swedish brethren translated a number of degrees of the Swedish Rite into English and had them conferred for the benefit of the visitors. Most amicable relations have existed between the Grand Lodges of England and Sweden since 1799.

M. E. Companion The Duke of Connaught, Grand First Principal.

M. E. Companion Lord Ampthill, Pro Grand First Principal.

R. E. Companion Sir Colville Smith, Grand Scribe E.

M.M.D.

ENGLAND, 1932-33
Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons

The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons met in Quarterly Sessions in March, May, and December, 1932, and June, 1933, in the City of London.

The Duke of Connaught is Grand Master, and the Earl of Stradbroke is Pro Grand Master. The Pro Grand Master was on a trip around the world, and in his absence R. W. Brother Sir Arthur Holbrook presided.

The Royal Ark Mariners is under the control of the Mark Grand Lodge.

An amendment to the Constitution was made which permits Mark Masons of another Grand Jurisdiction to sign a petition for a new Lodge. Heretofore this privilege has only been accorded to members of the Grand Mark Lodge of England.

Already £43,250 has been subscribed for a site for a new temple for this Grand Body.

M.M.D.

FLORIDA

The Eighty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida was held in the City of Jacksonville, on May 16th, 1933.

Our newly appointed Grand Representative, E. Companion Cleveland R. Horne, was present, occupying the office of Grand Captain of the Host and being Chairman of the Committee on Dispensations and By-laws.

There were present fifteen Grand Officers, fourteen Past Grand High Priests, twelve District Deputies and representatives of thirty-eight out of forty-seven Chapters.

The address of Grand High Priest William B. Greer was excellent. Concerning the loss in membership he says: "Many companions joined when they had a little money and with it sought a little excitement. They never had the true spirit of Masonry, and in a crisis could not be depended upon. Many joined in the hope of furthering some financial interest or promoting some social or political ambition. Some were mentally bankrupt and unable to grasp the meaning of Masonic thought and teaching. The remainder are companions tried and true, who have been unable to weather the financial storm. The latter, we should use every effort to reclaim." And again: "In our trials and difficulties of life are we unmindful that there is help for the widow's son. Unselfish service and love still radiate from the human heart. Perhaps one of the sweetest thoughts that comes to any man is that somebody cares."

Of his field officers he stated: "I shudder to think what the past year would have been in this Jurisdiction without the wonderful service performed by Grand Lecturer Dorsey H. Rutter, and it has been a pleasure to work with such energetic, enthusiastic, capable and efficient District Deputies."

The Grand High Priest made many visits. He was obliged to arrest the charters of three Chapters.

Grand Chapter approved of most of his decisions, two of which were, (1) He voided the election of a High Priest who previously had been suspended for non-payment of dues in his Blue Lodge. (2) A petition once having been received by the Chapter must abide the ballot.

M. E. Companion Greer instituted the practice, which proved successful, of inviting Master Masons and ladies of the Eastern Star to Chapter rallies.

Grand Chapter lost two eminent Past Grand High Priests. It was said of M. E. Companion Louis C. Massey that "he was perhaps the most outstanding character that Masonry had produced in Florida. He was a peculiar man; very reserved; a cultured gentleman of the old school and of extraordinary mental capacity." The other was M. E. Companion Ely P. Hubbell, the efficient Reviewer for sixteen years. He was also chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for the Grand Lodge.

Grand Chapter erects suitable monuments to the memory of its deceased Grand High Priests. Two were erected during the year.

Grand Lecturer Rutter reported "That without a single exception, I find a marked increase of interest in Capitular Masonry." He wrote a full report covering many visits. We would like to add that exertion on the part of those in charge usually produces results.

Florida has a Student Educational Loan Fund.

R. E. Companion R. B. Lovett, Grand Master of the Third Veil, and also the Foreign Correspondent, wrote his first Review—a very good one. In the Alberta Proceedings of 1932 we noted that a Florida Chapter opened at 2:00 o'clock to receive petitions, hear reports, ballot and confer all the degrees on four brethren, and ask, "Why all the rush?" R. E. Companion Lovett replies that it was to provide a "big night." We still think that three or more "big nights" could have been made of the affair. We do not think that the Chapter officers can do themselves justice in conferring four degrees at one time. Nor can the candidates grasp the lessons it is vital they should learn.

47 Chapters. 4,980 Members. Net loss, 1,231,

E.G.I.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OF THE UNITED STATES

The Forty-second Triennial Convocation of the Grand Chapter of the United States was held in the City of Washington, on October 11th, 1933. It was presided over by M. E. Companion Clifford Wilkins until the arrival of the General High Priest.

Distinguished visitors were received from the various Masonic organizations of the District of Columbia in the persons of M. W. Brother Kimball and R. Em. William H. Harrison.

The General High Priest was then presented and took the chair. Among those present was M. E. Companion the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Cassilis, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Scotland.

There were 34,387 deaths during the year.

The Grand High Priest ruled that a member of a Chapter in the United States could visit an English Chapter, whose members had not received the Mark and Most Excellent degrees.

No action was taken in the New South Wales versus Scotland dispute, except to allow each Grand Chapter to use its own judgment.

A Council of Degrees was chartered by Scotland in North Carolina to confer the Royal Ark Mariner and the Red Cross of Babylon degrees. What is the Red Cross Order in the Templars if it is not the Babylonish Pass?

The General Grand Chapter membership was the same as it was in 1922. The net loss in the last three years was 114,206, or about 15 per cent.

The newly elected Grand High Priest, in accepting office and speaking on Masonic Education, said in part: 'Now if you have not already done so, try 'setting the Craft to work' by giving them proper instruction in the philosophy, symbolism and dogma of Royal Arch Masonry. Do not be afraid to invest your funds. This General Grand Chapter, if it does not assist the Grand Chapters by expending on them some of its funds for Masonic Education, may eventually find itself minus some Grand Chapters; and Grand Chapters, if they do not expend some of their means for the same purpose, may find themselves minus some subordinate Chapters that could easily have been saved.'

At the close of his address he was presented with a beautiful gift of flowers from his home Chapter of which he had been Secretary for thirty-three years.

46 Grand Chapters. Membership, 663,484.

M. E. Companion William T. S. O'Hara, General Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion Charles A. Conover, General Grand Secretary.
M.M.D.

GEORGIA

The One Hundred and Eleventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Georgia was held in the City of Macon, on April 26th, 1933.

Our faithful Grand Representative, E. Companion Zack Arnold, was present as usual and served on the Jurisprudence Committee.

There were present thirteen Grand Officers, twelve Past Grand High Priests, and a goodly number of other members.

The address of Grand High Priest Joe A. Moore was very brief. During the early part of his year he was also Grand Master of the Grand Lodge. This precluded much activity in Grand Chapter affairs until he retired as Grand Master, and since that time it was not physically possible for him to do much although he does not say so, a committee reported that he made many visits. Finances had been a difficult problem, but he "endeavored to do his part by not spending all of the appropriations made for the various funds. He reported a huge loss in membership. In 1927 they had 17,897 members, but this had dwindled to 9,493. He praised the work of Grand Secretary W. J. Penn, Jr., who had just concluded his first year in that office, stating that our losses in membership this year did not amount to even more-

is most agreeably surprising and is largely due to the efforts of our Grand Secretary." M. E. Companion Moore made no decisions and advanced no recommendations.

The office of Grand Lecturer had been abolished, and the Grand Secretary had performed the duties of that office.

Finances of Grand Chapter appear to be in good shape. At the last Convocation, fifty-one Chapters were reported in arrears to Grand Chapter. The Grand Secretary, succeeded in inducing twenty of these to pay their dues; eight surrendered their charters and the remainder looked hopeful.

Grand Chapter approved the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Grand Secretary be paid 10 per cent of all per capita dues collected, in addition to his salary of \$900.00 a year. This appears to make him a kind of "Collection Agent." Could not a more happy relation be brought about between the Chapters and Grand Chapter?

There are twelve District Deputies, but no reports were mentioned. District Conventions are held.

E. Companion P. T. McCutchen, Grand Reviewer, gave Alberta a good review, quoting part of M. E. Companion Middleton's foreword.

109 Chapters. 9,493 Members. Net loss, 2,984.

E.G.I.

IDAHO, 1932

The Twenty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Idaho was held at Boise, the Capital city, on May 17th and 18th, 1932.

The Grand High Priest visited three constituent Chapters only during his term of office, which was unfortunate for Idaho, especially in these days of declining membership. We note, however, that the Committee complimented him on his excellent report.

The fee for exaltation was reduced to twenty-five dollars.

Idaho lost by death two Past Grand High Priests, M. E. Companions Francis Jenkins and Frank J. Fuller.

The Report on Correspondence is good reading. In the Foreword E. Companion Frank G. Burroughs gives us a summary of the Capitular world.

E. Companion Roy V. Locey, Alberta's Representative, was present.

23 Chapters. 2,423 Members. Decrease, 46.

M. E. Companion Lawrence Clos, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion Edward H. Way, Grand Secretary.

M.M.D.

ILLINOIS

The Eighty-fourth Annual Convention of the Grand Chapter of Illinois was held in the City of Chicago, on October 26th and 27th, 1933.

M. E. Companion Lyman N. Thurston, Grand High Priest presided. With him in the Grand East were eleven Past Grand High Priests.

Alberta's Representative, E. Companion William Sayre, was present. Distinguished Visitors were present from Iowa, Wisconsin, and the General Grand Chapter. There were also present representatives from the Grand Lodge, Grand Council and the Grand Commandery.

We sympathize with Illinois in the death of M. E. Companion Andrew J. Schattgen.

A number of consolidations of Chapters took place. This should have a beneficial effect.

Five thousand dollars was voted to the maintenance of the Royal Arch Memorial Hospital.

Plural membership is permitted in Illinois.

No action was taken by Illinois in regard to the trouble between the Grand Chapters of New South Wales and Scotland. Time, no doubt, will solve this difficulty.

Before Grand Chapter closed the Order of High Priesthood held a session.

The Correspondence Report was written by M. E. Companion Turnbull who, incidently we are sure, stated that the Mayor of Calgary is a Scotsman. Our M. E. Companion Andy Davison is proud of his Irish Nationality.

235 Chapters. 71,573 Members. Decrease, 6,155.

M. E. Companion O. H. Woodworth, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion Richard C. Davenport, Grand Secretary.

M.M.D.

IOWA, 1932

The Seventy-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Iowa was held in the City of Des Moines on October 13th, 1932, with the Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion O. J. Kirketeg, presiding.

Previous to the regular opening there were Public Exercises at which the visitors were welcomed to the city of Des Moines.

Thirteen Past Grand High Priests were present.

Alberta was represented by the Grand Treasurer, R. E. Companion L. J. Clarke.

Distinguished visitors were present from Nebraska, Missouri and the General Grand; also from the Grand Lodge, Knights Templar and Royal and Select Masters of Iowa.

From Companion Kirketeg's address we learn of the deaths of M. E. Companion Charles C. Davis, Past Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, and M. E. Companion Charles C. Shrader of Iowa.

We note the consolidation of two Chapters. This course might be extended to many such cases.

Speaking of Leadership he says: "Activity depends upon leadership. We must be careful in choosing our officers for the several Chapters. Not always the members with most ability make the best officers. Our officers must be imbued with the spirit of Capitular Masonry."

True, they must have ability to govern but above all the willingness to work. There is no substitute for work. During these times it takes twice as much fuel to produce the steam to furnish the necessary power for our own business and the Chapters as well as to go forward."

From M. E. Companion Edward M. Williard's Correspondence Report we quote: "Much stress is urged as to leadership. Comments are made both by Grand High Priests and Correspondents relative to this. To accomplish anything of importance in any organization a leader of executive ability is required. Where one is elected High Priest who gives of his time and energy, we find an active Chapter."

Alberta is given liberal mention in the Review.

119 Chapters. Membership, 19,575. Decrease, 976.

M. E. Companion Harry M. Bradley, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion O. F. Graves, Grand Secretary.

M.M.D.

IRELAND, 1932

The Proceedings from Ireland is a report of the Grand Registrar (Grand Secretary) for the year, and does not deal with a Grand Convocation as the policy is in other Grand Chapters throughout the world.

The Grand Chapter of Ireland presented a memorial to the Grand Lodge asking for the recognition of the Royal Arch and Mark Degrees. In reply, the Grand Lodge of Ireland passed the following resolution: "Pure Ancient Masonry consists of the following degrees and no others, viz.: The Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft and Master Mason and the Installed Master, but the degrees of Royal Arch and Mark Master Mason shall also be recognized so long as the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland shall work only those two degrees in the form in which they were worked at the passing of this law."

We note that the Grand Chapter of Ireland still has some Chapters in South Africa and New Zealand. Why not let the Grand Chapter of New Zealand take over those under the Irish Constitution?

R. E. Companion Henry C. Shellard, Grand Secretary.

M.M.D.

KANSAS

The Sixty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas was held at Wichita on February 13th, 1933.

There were present twelve Grand Officers, thirteen Past Grand High Priests and representatives of sixty-four Chapters.

Our Grand Representative E. Companion L. C. Hicks, was not present at roll call.

Distinguished visitors included M. E. Companion John W. Nielsen, General Grand High Priest of the United States, whose home is in Kansas, and Grand High Priests Arthur R. Tillman of New Mexico, Earl Barnette of Nebraska, and Harold L. Reader of Missouri.

M. E. Companion Ellis Fink, Grand High Priest, delivered an excellent address. He is a lawyer and has served as a Probate Judge,

and his keen trained mind was a fine equipment to compel success during a troublous time.

He found that "the Masonic spirit in these hard days shows a sympathy and a helpfulness between brethren which were submerged during the days of prosperity.

"He had visited more than was usual in the hope that our Chapters might be encouraged." Mound City Chapter had decided to quit, so he caused the Charter, seal, records, equipment, etc., to be removed to a near-by town, where the Chapter successfully continued under the name of Linn Chapter.

Kansas has no Grand Superintendents, but Group Meetings are held, to which the Grand Lecturer goes to give aid and ascertain the progress as well as the needs of the Chapters. M. E. Companion Fink recommended that when times improve, Superintendents be appointed and so keep Grand Chapter in closer touch with the subordinate Chapters. (In Alberta we strongly favor having Superintendents.) The Grand High Priest was present at many Group Meetings.

On the using of substitutes in the Royal Arch Degree he said: "Such emergency must be from the standpoint of the Chapter and not of the candidate." Although he was somewhat discouraged to find that the net loss of members amounted to over ten per cent, yet he believed Capitular Masonry has justified itself.

It would appear that no calls were made on the Charity Fund, which amounts to over \$3,730.

No doubt wisely, the Committee on Finance greatly reduced its budget of expenses.

Grand Chapter approved a resolution: "If a member under suspension for non-payment of dues shall pay the amount of his indebtedness to his Chapter within two years from the date of his suspension, he shall be restored to membership without further action."

Like many others, Grand Reviewer George W. Trout, has made his reviews very brief. Alberta, however, is not overlooked.

96 Chapters. 16,360 Members. Net loss, 1,861.

E.G.I.

LOUISIANA, 1932

The Eighty-fifth Annual Convocation was held at New Orleans on February 2nd, 1932, M. E. Companion B. Waelder presiding.

The Grand Secretary reports a loss of 711 from a membership of 7,754. Thus they keep in step.

Alberta was represented by Companion Leon Haas.

The "Foreign Correspondence" is written by Companion Herman J. Duncan. He must have been taken to task for plain speaking for he says: "Comments and opinions are voiced in this report with some trepidation." We ask—Why? It is assumed that the duty of a reviewer is to review. Such is simple. Your view—our view—the other companions' views—those are always appreciated. Such is a matter of education. And "Louisiana" needs offer no apology, for the reviews scintillate with wisdom and sound commonsense. That is what "This Capitular World" needs today, more than at any time in the past.

S.H.M.

LOUISIANA

The Eighty-sixth Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Louisiana was held on February 7th and 8th at New Orleans. Rudolph Krause Grand High Priest. Alberta was represented by Companion Leon S. Haas of Opelousa.

In his address, the Grand High Priest referred to his activities during the year in a way that indicated his close touch with the work in his Grand Jurisdiction.

A commission was issued to E. Companion Edward A. Shaw of Jasper as the representative of that Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of Alberta vice Companion Alexander D. Campbell removed.

The reports of the District Deputies indicate general conditions satisfactory. "Current conditions," says the Grand Secretary, "have had their ill effects on Capitular Masonry, resulting in an apparent lessening of interest in fraternal affairs."

R. E. Companion P. Duncan elected M. E. Grand High Priest for 1933.

Membership, 6,381. Decrease, 670.

J. W. G.

MAINE

The Hundred and Eighth Annual Convocation was held at Portland on Sunday, May 2nd, 1933, M. E. Companion H. R. Gillis presiding. Alberta was represented by W. Scott Shorey. A canonical brother—Allan P. Shatford, P.G.Z. of Quebec—was one amongst many distinguished visitors.

The G.H.P. does not mince matters when he says: "The annual loss of membership through suspension for non-payment of dues and dimits is appalling."

Note the contrast of "Cause and Effect" between Maine and New South Wales. One G.H.P. under review occupied eight pages when enumerating his official visitations. The Maine G.H.P. takes one-half page. "Brevity is the soul of wit" and is to be highly commended in such cases. One hundred and thirty-seven companions were admitted into membership, but two hundred and thirteen took their dimits and five hundred and twelve were suspended. The G.H.P. obviously used the correct adjective when speaking of the loss of members.

The "Report on Correspondence" (which is neither "Fraternal" nor "Foreign", but simply an "Appendix") is ably written by Companion S. H. Hodge. He spares no effort to give the kernel of each review.

S. H. M.

MANITOBA, 1932

The Ninth Annual Convocation was held at Winnipeg, February 7th, 1932, M. E. Companion Fahrni presiding.

Judge D'Roche of Saskatchewan, "Jimmy" McGhee of Alberta, A. H. Jermie of Quebec, A. E. Cantelon of Minnesota, Walter Stockwell of Dakota and W. Pool of Minnesota were distinguished visitors and were accorded Grand Honours. What a galaxy of mentality! The

Judge with his keen judicial mind; McGhee, genial, sound and far-seeing; Stockwell, radiating with his scintillating Masonic lore and oratory. A group one can picture with pride. The personal touch of a La Internationale must have been specially pleasing to the Grand Z.

The address of the Grand First Principal is a concise resume of a year's hard work. He does not minimize the difficulties but faces each problem; indeed, tends to point a "way out."

The Grand Superintendents' reports indicate that true Masonic service has been rendered.

Alberta, unfortunately, was not represented at the reception of Grand Representatives. Am sure M. E. Companion McGhee would have been pleased to reciprocate greetings.

The report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead by James McIntosh is well worth reproduction, but one lone paragraph must suffice: "We all recognize the advantage of a college education in fitting us to fill an advanced position in life and business. A close attention to the teaching and practising of Masonry in all its branches will fit us to take a higher or more advanced place in the next world."

The Grand Chapter had an unusual treat during their annual banquet, for Professor C. H. Kierstead gave an address on "What has Masonry to offer for this Age?" It was a scholarly masterpiece. To quote would spoil, and to spoil is not Masonic. Companions, procure a copy of the 1932 Proceedings—do not hesitate—read this address and a literary feast will be yours.

"Fraternal Correspondence" is written by R. E. Companion J. Parton. "W.D.L." however, reviewed Alberta and is quite copious in his comments and recommendations. It is very refreshing to glean the opinions of other writers. "To see ourselves as others see us," so to speak. Our "Foreword" is quoted, extended and commended. Be that as it may, an Alberta Mason always regards Manitoba with reverence and gratitude.

S.H.M.

MANITOBA

The Tenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba was held in the City of Winnipeg on February 1st, 1933.

M. E. Companion Alex Little, Grand Z., presided. We note the absence of Alberta's Grand Representative.

Distinguished visitors were present from Saskatchewan, Ontario, Minnesota and Alberta. M. E. Companion J. V. Follett represented our own Grand Chapter, and had conferred on him Honorary Membership.

Manitoba, like many other Grand Jurisdictions, is feeling the effect of the depression, the net deficit being \$351.56. Better times, however, are coming. One hundred dollars was spent in benevolence.

Grand Chapter recommended that the Third Principal of a Chapter confer the Mark Degree, the Second Principal the M.E.M., and the First Principal the Holy Royal Arch.

E. Companion John Parton writes the Review, but presumably Alberta's Proceedings did not reach his desk, probably on account of the illness and death of our late Grand Scribe E.

15 Chapters. 1,811 Members. Decrease, 78.

M. E. Companion H. L. Adolph, Grand First Principal.

R. E. Companion George Syme, Grand Scribe E.

M.M.D.

MASSACHUSETTS, 1932

Quarterly Convocations were held in Boston on March 8th, June 7th and September 13th, and the One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Annual on December 13th, 1932, with M. E. Companion Jesse E. Ames, Grand High Priest, presiding.

Alberta's Representative, E. Companion Robert W. Oliver, was in attendance.

Distinguished guests were present from the Grand Chapters of Quebec, Vermont, New Jersey, Maine, Connecticut and New York, also from the Grand Lodge, Grand Council and Grand Commandery of Massachusetts.

All degrees were exemplified at this Convocation.

The Grand High Priest, among other Grand Chapters, visited Quebec.

\$14,540.72 was spent for relief.

A Convention of High Priests was held at the close of the Grand Chapter sessions.

R. E. Companion R. T. Sewall is the Correspondent, but Alberta's Proceedings apparently did not reach him in time.

Membership, 37,466. Decrease, 1,317.

M. E. Companion Jesse E. Ames, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion Raymond T. Sewall, Grand Secretary.

M.M.D.

MASSACHUSETTS

The Quarterly Convocations of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts were held on March 7th, June 13th, and September 12th; a Special Convocation on April 8th, and the One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Annual Convocation on December 12th, 1933.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Jesse E. Ames, presided at all these meetings.

Distinguished visitors were present in the persons of: M. W. Brother Curtis Chapman, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge; Ill. Companion Melvin M. Johnson, M. P. Sovereign of the Scottish Rite, the Grand High Priests of New York and New Jersey, and from Quebec, M. E. Companion Allan P. Shatford.

No action was taken in regard to the controversy between Scotland and New South Wales.

Income of this Grand Chapter decreased last year by over two thousand dollars, and \$14,708.06 was spent on Relief.

This Grand Chapter protested most vigorously Scotland's action in granting dispensations in North Carolina to confer the Royal Ark Mariner Degree and Red Cross Knight Degree. If we are not mistaken the latter degree is already conferred in the Knights Templar Commanderies in the United States. This trouble appears to be a family one affecting the General Grand, North Carolina and Massachusetts.

97 Chapters. 35,700 Members. Decrease, 1,759.

M. E. Companion Ralph Lowe, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion Raymond T. Sewell, Grand Secretary.

M. M. D.

MICHIGAN, 1932

The Eighty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Michigan was held in the City of Lansing on May 18th, 1932. The Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Francis B. Lambie, presided. Sixteen Past Grand High Priests were in the Grand East supporting him.

Among the distinguished visitors were M. E. Companion Charles W. Haentschel, the Grand First Principal from Ontario, who was accompanied by his Grand Scribe E., M. E. Companion Edwin Smith, and M. Ill. Companion John H. C. Woodward, Grand Master of the Royal and Select Masters of Western Canada. Alberta's Grand Representative, E. Companion Charles W. Mixer, was present.

Michigan mourns the passing of two Past Grand High Priests, M. E. Companions Frank P. Wilcox and Warner K. McSween.

M. E. Companion Lambie attended a tri-state Convocation at Indianapolis, when Indiana, Missouri and Michigan joined together for the purpose of exemplification of the three degrees.

It is of interest to note that, as a matter of economy, Grand Chapter was concluded in one day. That is good business.

Michigan is interested in the De Molay movement. Boys' Work in Canada is well looked after by other organizations. We are watching the development of this work. Too many organizations are tied on to the Masonic Order.

The Grand High Priest attended the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Ontario.

A Chapter Funeral Service was recommended. We scarcely see the need for this.

Michigan, in common with other Grand Chapters in the U.S.A. has the problem of issuing dispensations to use substitutes. Why not make it constitutional?

This Grand Body has a Past Grand High Priests' Association in addition to the Order of High Priesthood.

Alberta is given a very courteous review of two pages by M. E. Companion Harry L. Izor. Following the "Foreword" Companion Izor has given a page of interesting statistics of the Grand Chapters across the line.

166 Chapters. 42,463 Members. Decrease, 2,166.

M. E. Companion Arthur S. Hudson, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion Charles A. Conover, Grand Secretary.

M. M. D.

MINNESOTA, 1932

The Seventy-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota was held in the City of St. Paul on October 11th, 1932.

M. E. Companion Aurthur E. Cantelon, Grand High Priest presided, and with him were thirteen Past Grand High Priests, among whom was Alberta's Representative, M. E. Companion F. H. McCuskey.

Distinguished Representatives were present from the Grand Lodge, Grand Council and Grand Commandery of Minnesota, also from the Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Canada. The interchange of visitors between Manitoba and Minnesota does much to preserve a close fraternal spirit in these two Grand Jurisdictions.

From the opening of the Grand High Priest's address we quote "The purpose of this occasion is to promote charity, sociability, education, and civic welfare among the people. Could a band of people be organized for a more noble purpose? We are trying to make the sun shine a bit brighter; to raise a crop of 'Good Cheer' where otherwise sorrow and hardship might prevail, and bring the mellowing influence of human love and plant the urgent desire for truth in the hearts of our countrymen."

The address is full of good things for a Royal Arch Mason.

The report of the Grand Lecturer covered three pages of the Proceedings. He hits the nail on the head in this quotation: "The present conditions bring to our attention very clearly that we are lacking in leadership. The High Priest is the key to the situation in every Chapter. Upon his initiative, upon his ability to plan and execute depends to a large extent the success of every Chapter. My companions, we who aspire to be leaders, must not allow ourselves to live in 'mental poor-houses.' Many of our Chapters are lost in the fog generated in the gloomy mentality of their officers."

The order of High Priesthood held a session at the close of Grand Chapter.

E. Companion Chas. S. Schurman writes the Review and deals kindly in two pages with Alberta.

134 Chapters. Membership, 15,697: Decrease, 766.

M. E. Companion Wylie R. Liddle, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion John Fishel, Grand Secretary.

M.M.D.

MINNESOTA, 1933

The Seventy-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota was held in the City of St. Paul, on 14th November, 1933, with the Most Excellent High Priest Wylie R. Liddle, presiding.

M. E. Companion Frank E. Simmons, Past Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba, was one of the distinguished visitors present. M. E. Companion Frank H. McCuskey, Alberta Grand Representative, was among those present.

Four hundred and fifteen members were unaffiliated for non-payment of dues. On this subject we excerpt from the Grand High Priest's address: "I believe the two causes that contribute most to the con-

dition are: first, loss of interest in the fraternity, and second, insufficient effort to collect dues. The remedy for the first rests with the Chapter, and in a great measure, the High Priest. . . . To the Secretary of the Chapter belongs the duty of prompt collection of dues. He should make every reasonable effort to this end. The Chapter dues are comparatively small, and if paid promptly each year the amount is scarcely felt, but if allowed to accumulate for years, they constitute a material sum, and to many members a serious obligation." We think the Grand High Priest "hits the nail on the head."

It was decided that per capita dues need not be paid by a Chapter on any member whose dues had been remitted by the said Chapter.

The Grand Lecturer is a live official in Minnesota, for he made 149 visits. He is paid \$3,000 per year, while the Grand Secretary is paid \$900.

The Order of High Priesthood held a Convocation at the close of Grand Chapter.

There was no Correspondence Report.

87 Chapters. Membership, 14,874. Decrease, 823.

M. E. Companion Milford Nelson, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion John Fishel, Grand Secretary.

M. M. D.

MISSISSIPPI, 1932

The Eighty-fourth Annual Convocation was held at Biloxi, March 22nd, 1932, M. E. Companion A. H. Jones presiding.

Alberta was not represented.

We again meet M. E. Companion Walter Stockwell, "In journeyings off." He is credited with having given a very inspiring address at Jackson on November 9th, 1932. Such is taken for granted. Walter could not do otherwise. "He stressed the need for leadership, for ritualistic proficiency; sounded a note of warning, that we must organize a new crusade in Masonry. . . . he urged us to have faith, which must be faith in God."

The G.H.P. spent a very busy year granting thirteen dispensations, handing out decisions and arresting charters, consolidating Chapters and accepting the surrender of others. He is also exercised about the financial standing of Grand Chapter, remarking "It is our duty to so shape our policies that we shall stay within the income of Grand Chapter."

In his "Conclusion" we read: "Difficulties have assailed us from all sides. Chapters have not been active. The members have been discouraged."

Reading between the lines, we are heartily in accord with him when he quotes:

"We, like the man who faces what he must,
With heart triumphant, and a voice of cheer—
He alone is great."

The "Foreign Correspondence" is adequately compiled by Companion H. C. Jawn, who uses voluminous quotations which are apt and informative.

S. H. M.

MISSISSIPPI

The Eighty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi was held at Jackson, on February 15th and 16th, 1933. Grand High Priest M. E. Companion J. Kennard Young.

Forty-nine Chapters were represented.

Thomas E. Moody, Grenada, Alberta's representative.

The Grand High Priest in his address recommended, as a measure of economy, the elimination of reviews of sister jurisdictions and the auditor's detailed report. Many Chapters had not paid dues for two years and he therefore urged careful consideration of the financial condition of the Chapters.

The Grand Lecturer in his report says that he found the "Capitular spirit the lowest in 15 years" but "Was it any wonder that men would lose interest when under existing conditions they were beset with worries how they are going to keep feeding their families, their business going and meet immediate demands upon them?" and adds "that from the experience of today a restoration of confidence was the only salvation for the times. God dealt severely with Abraham to teach the world the value of faith and He now deals severely with us to bring us back to a full realization of its world-wide value. May we learn that lesson as Abraham did."

In outlining programs for the subordinate Chapters, the Grand Lecturer makes one that is somewhat arresting—that the Chapters hold a meeting for all Master Masons of the Chapter jurisdiction, the subject to be "The Lost Word." A remarkably good idea and one new to the reviewer.

There is a splendid address by the Grand Chaplain, R. K. Smith, elected Grand High Priest.

Membership, 3,991. Decrease, 1,729.

J.W.G.

MONTANA, 1932

The Forty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Montana was held at Missoula on June 21st, 1932. M. E. Companion Ernest M. Hutchinson, Grand High Priest, presided. Alberta's Grand Representative was absent.

The distinguished visitors introduced were M. E. Companion John W. Neilson, General Grand High Priest; M. E. Companion Edward W. Spottswood, General Grand Master of the First Veil.

The writer of this Review reads with deep interest of the care taken of the ashes of the late M. E. Companion Stephen P. Wright, who entertained the Grand Z of Alberta when he was a visitor at the Grand Chapter of Montana in 1919.

Companion Hutchinson in his address devotes two pages to Education. As space prevents quotation, we commend it to our Alberta Companions.

The decision that, to obtain a life membership in a Chapter, a companion must be a member for twenty-five years and that it would

not be sufficient to pay twenty-five years' dues in advance to obtain life membership is correct, as we see it.

The Grand High Priest broached the matter of a Masonic week—that is, the Grand Bodies meeting at the same place and time as Grand Lodge. This plan is working successfully in Colorado. The question was tabled for a year.

Speaking of the decrease in membership the Grand High Priest says: "The remedies are as numerous as the causes assigned. Improve the ritualistic work and so impress the candidate that he will never forget it and permit himself to drift away, is one suggested remedy. Grand High Priest Peter Camerson of New Mexico (1930-31) suggests a remedy that is different from any other I have noticed. He suggests that while we need Capitular Masonry and Cryptic Masonry and the other branches of the Order, we do not need them as separate organizations; that the entire system should be reorganized with Symbolic Masonry as the foundation and the other so-called higher degrees retained as features of the basic organization. All this to reduce the number of Masonic Orders a man would have to attend to and give him more time to answer the many other demands upon his time."

The Grand High Priest's long address is worthy of serious study.

M. E. Companion John W. Neilson, General Grand High Priest, was made an Honorary Member.

The Order of High Priesthood met at the close of the Grand Chapter sessions. M. E. Companion Jones is still president. (He held this office when Montana conferred the High Priesthood on the writer.)

M. E. Companion H. S. Hepner writes the Review. He gives a very kindly review of Alberta.

36 Chapters. 4,206 Members. Decrease, 277.

M. E. Companion Walter R. Flachsengar, Grand High Priest.
R. E. Companion Luther T. Hauberg, Grand High Secretary.

M.M.D.

MONTANA

The Forty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Montana was held in the City of Butte, on June 20th, 1933.

M. E. Companion Walter R. Flachsengar, Grand High Priest, presided, and was supported by nineteen Past Grand High Priests, among whom we find our old friends M. E. Companion David Craig and Francis D. Jones, who visited Alberta in 1920. We are pleased to know they are still keeping up the good work.

A Masonic Home is still maintained in Montana.

The Grand High Priest's Address is well worth reading. We excerpt, "This matter of education could very well help solve the problem of what to do at meetings when there is no degree work. Here we have something which is of vital concern to every Chapter and when the question is asked What shall we talk about? we would answer, Talk about what the companions are interested in. It seems to us that if we feel we have the greatest government on earth, that there have been enough governmental problems in the last three or four years

confronting our nation to have given many hours of profitable discussions. Some have warned that this would lead to politics, but I have enough confidence in Royal Arch Masons that the discussions can be held within due bounds, and need not become personal or bring in party politics." As to this there probably would be a difference of opinion. Better go slow.

It is recommended that Grand Chapter meet at the same place and in the same week as Grand Lodge.

No action was taken in regard to the trouble between New South Wales and Scotland.

The writer notes the meeting of the Order of High Priesthood, with its President the same as when he visited Montana in 1919.

36 Chapters. 3,977 Members. Decrease, 219.

M. E. Companion Russell D. Miller, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion Luther D. Hauberg, Grand Secretary.

M.M.D.

NEVADA

The Sixtieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nevada was held at Carson City, June 6th, 1933. Most Excellent Grand High Priest Henry C. Schmidt.

Alberta was not represented.

The Grand High Priest found that while nearly every Chapter was suffering financially through the "deplorable banking situation," there were no signs of discouragement and "the companions seemed resolutely determined to overcome every obstacle." This is the spirit in which Royal Arch Masonry has been built.

Upon his recommendation the Journal of the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter was abbreviated, and he was not called upon to render any decisions. No reviews appear.

A resolution was introduced that Grand Chapter hold its annual Convocation at such time and place as the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. may hold its annual Communication.

R. E. Companion George L. Swartz was elected Grand High Priest.

Membership, 648. Decrease 22.

J.W.G.

NEW BRUNSWICK, 1932

The Forty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick was held in the City of St. John on 23rd June, 1932.

M. E. Companion H. Ralph Gunther, Grand High Priest, presided.

A distinguished visitor present was M. E. Companion Thomas N. McKee, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

The Grand High Priest visited all the Chapters in the jurisdiction and found the Chapters doing efficient work. This Grand Chapter is

now using the same work as the Grand Chapters throughout Canada and will be officered in future along the same line.

11 Chapters. 1,561 Members. Decrease, 39.

M. E. Companion Ralph Gunter, Grand Z.

R. E. Companion J. Twining Hartt, Grand Scribe E.

M. M. D.

NEW JERSEY

The Seventy-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Jersey was held in Trenton, N.J., May 10th, 1933.

M. E. Companion Charles R. Rinehart presiding.

This Convocation was opened with prayer by the Grand Chaplain—the ideal way for all Grand Chapters to begin their annual proceedings; and, incidentally, might I suggest that if each companion of our Order began his daily tasks in the same manner, it would be for the enrichment not only of each individual but for our Order at large as well.

In receiving distinguished visitors from the Grand Chapters of West Virginia, Delaware, District of Columbia, Vermont, Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Pennsylvania, M. E. Companion Rinehart said “our principles are not only bringing man near to man, as they have brought you to us today, but they are bringing man nearer to God.” A beautiful sentiment, nicely expressed, containing the central truth of Masonic teaching. And to the Grand Representatives of other Grand Chapters near that of New Jersey, the M. E. Grand High Priest stated, “You are the cement of friendship that firmly holds these important pillars of Capitular Masonry, thereby extending the brotherhood of Man throughout the Universe.”

The Grand High Priest is to be congratulated on being able to visit fifty-two out of the fifty-eight Chapters in his Jurisdiction during the year, and also several other Grand Chapters, as well as other Grand Masonic Bodies. Zeal and fidelity such as this bespeak keenest interest in Masonic work.

This Grand Chapter has schools of instruction for District Deputies; a capital idea, and one that should certainly be of great benefit to the Chapters of any Grand Body. With this preparation one expected (and was not disappointed) to learn that the District Grand Chapters of Instruction had a high standard of excellence in the rendition of the Work.

There was also a Good and Welfare Committee appointed, whose duties were to work in close relationship with the individual Chapters, through the formulating of programmes containing special features of approved character that might make for more interesting Chapter Convocations; to assist in preventing, wherever possible, unaffiliations through suspensions for non-payment of dues and dimitts; and to advance Capitular Masonry within the Grand Jurisdiction. This Committee does not usurp the duties of any person or committee already working.

Among the several recommendations made are:

The appointment of a Committee on Education in Grand Chapter, and a similar committee in each constituent Chapter.

That no candidate receive a superior degree until he is thoroughly familiar with all phases of the preceding degree, particularly as they

apply to him as an individual and a Mason—thereby making Masons instead of Joiners.

These appeal to us as worthwhile suggestions.

The expenditure of the year exceeded the receipts by approximately \$2,000.

Despite the strenuous financial crisis and difficult times the Committee on Charity reported that no business had come before it for consideration during the year.

58 Chapters. 17,722 Members. Loss, 1,396.

J.V.F.

NEW MEXICO, 1931

The Thirty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter was held at Carlsbad, March 19th, 1931, G. H. P. Peter Cameron presiding.

Walter Stockwell of Dakota was present—officially, fraternally and by proxy—in the following capacities: “Personal representative of the Most Excellent General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America; Most Puissant General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America; and Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of North Dakota.” Phew! So thankful I was not asked to introduce our worthy companion. It has been our privilege to present Companion Stockwell to Grand Bodies, but a more familiar term was used. We know he has several more titles, but, shorn of all appellations, and as man to mason we like to greet him.

The G.H.P., Peter Cameron, must be a keen student and a skilled observer of things Masonic. In his address he calls attention to our drifting policy of multiplicity and then clinches his argument by—“What we designate as Symbolic Masonry is the substructure of the entire organization and must continue to be so. We need Capitular Masonry; we need Cryptic Masonry and the various branches of the Order into which we are divided for their beautiful teachings in rounding out the story of the building of the Temple of the soul, but do we need them as separate organizations? Can they and should they continue to exist as separate bodies?”

“The answer would seem to be a complete organization of the entire structure, with a closer affiliation of the many jurisdictions at present existing as separate entities, under one Grand organization of the Symbolic branch of the Order, and with the divisions that we now call the higher degrees retained as degrees of instruction for advancement toward ‘more light,’ and the abandonment of the effort to maintain separate organizations in this day of multiplicity of fraternal and social organizations and the numerous calls to pleasure into which the world has become divided.”

The Committee on the G.H.P.’s address reported: “We believe that the Grand High Priest’s theory is worthy of the careful study of those versed in Masonic thought.” Alas, too few are versed in such progressive thought and endeavour.

The “Foreign Correspondence” apparently is written by Companion R. Perry, who quotes voluminously, but offers little comment.

S.H.M.

NEW MEXICO

The Thirty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of New Mexico was held at Roswell, March 23rd, 1933. Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Arthur R. Tillman.

Fourteen out of fifteen Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest visited all the subordinate Chapters. (We use "constituent" Chapters.) Peace and harmony prevailed in his jurisdiction. Made several decisions. Found some Chapters had not conferred degrees in two to six years. "There was eligible material," the Grand High Priest comments, "but the Chapters were not sufficiently familiar with the work to confer the degrees." There is a lot of prose in this. Invariably it will be found, in the reviewer's opinion, the Chapters that can confer degrees and that have their work up well are the Chapters that are moving ahead. The Grand High Priest was of opinion this accounted more for loss of membership than the financial condition. Quite true.

John W. Hanners elected Grand High Priest.

Companion H. L. Haywood gave a wonderful address on the story and meaning of the Holy Royal Arch, concluding with the words: "The Capitular Rite can be devoted to the task of doing its share of work for the world by sending out its own light, its own teachings through its own members. If any member feels that the Holy Royal Arch has no light to give to men he has been exalted in vain."

Membership, 1,719. Decrease, 196.

J.W.G.

NEW SOUTH WALES, 1932

M. E. Companion A. Chandler, Grand First Principal, presided over Special and Quarterly Convocations held during the year at Sydney.

Alberta was represented by M. E. Companion C. E. Abbott.

The Committee on "Foreign Correspondence," under the chairmanship of M. E. Companion H. Earlam, reported: "The reports received and reviewed show a continued loss of membership in Capitular Masonry and the consensus of opinion as to the cause would appear to be a lack of spiritual consciousness." Rather a sweeping diagnosis, to which we tentatively agree. He then proceeds to recommend that the word "Fraternal" be substituted for "Foreign." This is breaking the bonds of Nationalism with a vengeance. It is gratifying to note the suggestion was adopted. Thus gradually the international aspect is widening.

The Grand First Principal reports: "The closing year, notwithstanding the unsettled state of affairs in the outside world, has been a satisfactory one." How well these companions of the Antipodes maintain their conservatism.

S.H.M.

NEW YORK

The One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of New York was held in the City of Albany on February 7th and 8th, 1933, with M. E. Companion John H. O'Brien, Grand High Priest, presiding.

Twelve Past Grand High Priests were present.

Alberta's Representative, R. E. Companion Walter Eaton, was in attendance, and responded on behalf of the Grand Jurisdictions represented.

Distinguished visitors were present from the Grand Chapters of Quebec, Ontario, General Grand, Delaware, Ohio, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania as well and the Grand Lodge, Grand Council and Grand Commandery of New York.

Three Past Grand High Priests passed on during the year—is a distinct loss to New York.

Dispensation was issued to Keystone Chapter to exemplify the Mark Degree in Welland, Ontario, the permission of the Grand Z of Ontario being first obtained. Refused dispensation to admit a minister of the Gospel for a less fee than called for in the by-laws.

The Grand High Priest visited the Annual Meetings, in his own State, of the Grand Lodge, Grand Council, Grand Commandery and the Council of Deliberation. In addition, he visited almost all the neighboring Grand Chapter Convocations.

We excerpt from the Grand High Priest's address:

"REFERENCE TO DUES IN CHAPTER BULLETIN

"A common practice of many Chapters is to use Chapter Bulletins as a medium for reminding members of unpaid dues. To my mind this is an undesirable practice in that it spreads to the uninitiated and others information of a confidential nature, and produces a psychological effect which increases, rather than alleviates the problem of dues collection. A companion conscious of being in arrears and planning to pay has far less cause for worry regarding his particular failure so long as he is frequently reminded by Chapter bulletins that he is but one of many who have not paid. The result unquestionably is that the information makes it easier for companions to withhold payment, and correspondingly harder for the Chapter to collect.

It is my earnest recommendation that the practice be discontinued and a system of monthly or quarterly individual statements substituted. While this may be looked upon as a subordinate Chapter matter, I feel that the dignity of the Grand Chapter justifies the recommendation. Chapters may well give consideration, also, to the elimination from bulletins of items of a pessimistic nature. Optimism is a constructive force, and more optimism is what men need today."

This has been successfully tried in Alberta.

M. E. Companion O'Brien did not approve of a Joint Installation of two Chapters.—His decision read—"To my mind companions can be assured of freedom of action only within their own Chapters, and to authorize joint installations would be a departure from ancient custom which might greatly restrict the action of companions, and possibly

entirely deprive them of the privilege of exercising certain recognized and just rights to which they are entitled.

"Therefore, for the best interests of the Grand Chapter, subordinate Chapters, and individual companions, as, I see them, I must disapprove of joint installations and decline to issue dispensations for that purpose should dispensations be requested."

Grand Chapter appropriated \$5,000 for the relief of tubercular Royal Arch Masons and their dependents.

The Order of High Priesthood held a session and conferred the Order on 54 candidates.

The consolidated balance-sheet shows the assets of Grand Chapter to be \$395,406.81.

M. E. Companion George E. Briggs writes the Correspondence Report. We are sorry "Alberta" did not reach him. The illness of our late Grand Scribe E. upset matters somewhat for a time.

228 Chapters. 62,164 Members. Decrease, 4,386.

M. E. Companion Robert F. Janes, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion Charles C. Hunt, Grand Secretary.

M.M.D.

NEW ZEALAND

The Forty-first Annual Convocation was held at Auckland on Wednesday, February 15th, 1933, M. E. Companion J. R. Dreaver presiding.

Alberta was represented by M. E. Companion R. M. Stilles.

Twelve Grand Superintendents gave short and concise reports. One states: "In spite of financial depression, the Chapters are making steady progress." Another: "With the return of normal times, I predict a great forward movement." While a colleague from Dunedin reflects: "The hope of an early return to prosperity, when doubtless steady progress will again be in evidence." Optimism, apparently, is as prevalent under the Southern Cross as in the glades of Florida.

There was much discussion about "Peripatetic Administration." Such a system may be advantageous in New England, but here, in the wide open spaces, a stationary scheme is much preferred.

The newly-installed Grand Z. commenced his address by referring to Herod, who adorned and elaborated the Temple, which was later destroyed by the Romans, and concludes an historic resume with the exhortation from St. Peter: "Giving all diligence, add to your faith, virtue; and to virtue, knowledge; and to knowledge, temperance; and to temperance, patience." Which indicates the strength and character of New Zealand Freemasonry.

The review on Fraternal Correspondence is apparently lacking.

S.H.M.

NORTH CAROLINA

The One Hundred and Eleventh Annual Convocation was held at Charlotte on Tuesday, May 9th, 1933, the Grand High Priest, W. B. Hodge, presiding.

Alberta was represented by Companion J. Edward Allen. Very gratifying indeed that we have such an illustrious Masonic ambassador. Distinguished guests, representing territory from Dan to Beersheba, were introduced.

The G.H.P., in the course of his visitations, attended, at Raleigh, a large and enthusiastic meeting of Masons, in honour of Companion Walter L. Stockwell, General Grand Master of the General Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America, and listened to one of the finest addresses on "Masonry" ("What of the Future?") it had ever been his privilege to hear. We can easily understand this, for, having spoken from the same platform on several occasions with the "Ubiquitous Walter," we know the feeling of exhilaration that is always in the air. Would that we had more such erudite Masonic orators! The G.H.P. further reports a visit to the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, and remarks: "Business here is conducted with great dignity, no applause under any conditions. Decorum marks every move. Speed and accuracy are prevailing characteristics. The entertainment of guests was sumptuous." This sounds like being at home again.

In order to stimulate interest in Masonic education "The Educational Committee evolved a Masonic questionnaire patterned after the Warren County Baptist Sunday School quiz." We wonder what comment, meritorious or otherwise, such a questionnaire would produce in Alberta. However, it appeared "To stir the lethargy that had fallen upon the Chapters."

The G.H.P. concludes his searching address by making several financial recommendations that would make Alberta fairly tremble. Here are a few: \$800.00 for mileage. \$550.00 for printing. \$250.00 for library fund. \$1,000.00 to send delegates to the triennial meeting. \$500.00 to the charity fund and \$250.00 for new aprons.

We wish North Carolina "Bon Voyage."

S.H.M.

NORTH DAKOTA

The Forty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of North Dakota was held in the City of Fargo on January 24th, 1932.

As M. E. Companion Charles J. Phelan, the Grand High Priest was absent at the bedside of his son, his address was read by M. E. Companion Walter L. Stockwell, the Grand Secretary.

Among the distinguished visitors were M. E. Companion Joseph R. Yorke of Saskatchewan. Representatives were present from the Grand Lodge, Grand Council of North Dakota and the Supreme Grand Council was represented by M. Ill. Companion Walter L. Stockwell, the Grand Master. Eastern Star was received with the public honors.

E. Companion Walter R. Reed, Alberta's Representative, was in attendance.

On account of financial conditions, it was resolved to hold the 1934 Grand Convocation at the close of the sessions of Grand Lodge.

M. E. Companion E. George Guthrie writes the Review. Alberta is not included, so probably it did not reach him on time.

25 Chapters. 3,097 Members. Decrease, 369.

M. E. Companion William F. Boylan, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion Walter L. Stockwell, Grand Secretary.

M.M.D.

NOVA SCOTIA, 1932

The Sixty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia was held in the City of Charlottetown, P.E.I., on June 23rd, 1932.

This Grand Body has jurisdiction over the Provinces of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, as well as the Dominion of Newfoundland.

M. E. Companion Joseph W. Boyd, Grand High Priest, presided; in the Grand East were six Past Grand High Priests.

Among the distinguished visitors was M. E. Companion Thomas N. McKee, Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania.

Dispensations to allow the use of substitutes were issued in a number of cases. Why not change the Constitution?

In the Grand High Priest's address are outlined his activities for the year and a list of dispensations issued.

The Constitution was amended to provide for Dual Membership. This is in line with Alberta.

A "History of the High Priesthood," by Past President George D. MacDougall, was incorporated in the Proceedings. Alberta was noted in this article.

R. E. Companion Brenton F. Porter writes the Correspondence. He gives Alberta one page and covers the ground well.

22 Chapters. 2,385 Members. Decrease 87.

M. E. Companion Joseph W. Boyd, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion Brenton F. Porter, Grand Secretary.

M.M.D.

NOVA SCOTIA

The Sixty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia was held in the City of Halifax, on June 13th, 1933.

M. E. Companion Joseph W. Boyd, Grand High Priest, presided, and in the Grand East were six Past Grand High Priests.

We note the absence of Alberta's Grand Representative.

Three Past Grand High Priests have gone to join the Great Multitude, and this Grand Body sympathizes with Nova Scotia in its great loss.

We concur in the ruling of the Grand High Priest that a demit does not need to be printed to be constitutional.

The recommendation to have secretaries and treasurers bonded is along correct lines.

A Convention of Anointed High Priests was held at the close of Grand Chapter.

R. E. Companion Brenton F. Porter writes the review and is very generous in the space given to Alberta. He ends his introductory—"Not only earnest thought and effort but patient waiting will be required ere we win through to happier circumstances."

22 Chapters. 2,227 Members. Decrease, 154.

M. E. Companion Don F. Fraser, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion Brenton F. Porter, Grand Secretary.

M.M.D.

OHIO, 1932

The One Hundred and Sixteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Ohio was held in Columbus on October 5th and 6th, 1932, the Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Lyle S. Evans, presiding. Seventeen Past Grand High Priests were present, and there were distinguished visitors from the Grand Chapters of Michigan, Pennsylvania and New York, as well as the Grand Lodge, Grand Council and Grand Commandery of Ohio.

In the roll call of Representatives M. E. Companion Irving Stafford answered for Alberta.

The Masonic Home for dependent old folk is overcrowded.

We commend to our Alberta companions the address on Royal Arch Masonry by R. E. Companion Roscoe R. Walcutt.

From M. E. Companion Carl W. Sperling's Review we quote: "Our meetings were intended primarily to bring about uniformity and exactness of ritualistic language and movements, and that has been attained to a high degree. But they serve a greater purpose in my opinion, and that is to bring companions closer together, get them to know each other, and to be real companions one with the other in truth and spirit, acting just exactly as that word means.

"The word 'Companion' to me is one of the most precious in Masonry. As you know the word itself means 'With Bread,' and to break bread with a man in olden times was a most sacred bond between them. It is true today, although in the hurry and bluster of modern times we fail to realize that. But, as a matter of fact, everyone of you will admit even with all our hustle of the present time, that the man you invite into your home, or the man into whose home you are invited and break bread with, is more close to you than casual acquaintances in a business way. That is just what we want to be as Companion Royal Arch Masons. We want to enjoy the confidence of each other, and act as though

in fact it is what we want it to be—that is, the greatest bond between men here on earth.”

209 Chapters. Membership, 70,396. Decrease, 5,779.

M. E. Companion Henry Gruen, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion Mont. C. Hambright, Grand Secretary.

M.M.D.

OHIO

The One Hundred and Seventeenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio was held at Columbia on September 20th, 1933.

All the Grand Chapter officers, all the District Inspectors and eighteen Past Grand High Priests were present.

Our Grand Representative, M. E. Companion Irving Stafford, Grand Treasurer, was present at Roll Call.

Ohio's Grand Representative to Alberta, M. E. Companion W. M. McNab, died last July and his many friends here will treasure his memory.

Many distinguished guests were welcomed, among them being Deputy General Grand High Priest William T. S. O'Hara, of Toledo, Ohio, and Grand High Priests Robert D. Collins of Connecticut, Robert S. Lemon of West Virginia, Robert F. Janes of New York, Charles H., Weaver of Pennsylvania, and M. E. Companion Edwin Smith Grand Scribe E. of Canada.

Grand High Priest Henry Gruen gave a lengthy address and detailed a busy year. He travelled much, his expenses being \$1,800. Delegates are paid 10c per mile and \$4.00 per day and their expenses amounted to \$6,671.40.

M. E. Companion Gruen appointed nineteen District Inspectors, who reported to him on the condition of all Chapter robes, books and paraphernalia, and who were instructed to exemplify all grips, signs and words of the degrees.

Unable to visit the Canada Grand Chapter at London, Ont., he requested Deputy Grand High Priest R. A. Walkup to represent him.

He attended twelve District Meetings, forty-eight individual Chapters, and many other Masonic gatherings.

He refused (quite properly) to grant dispensations to Chapters to hold their annual Election of Officers on certain dates because of failure to hold same on the regular dates, and where the proposed dates were not set far enough ahead to allow Chapter notices to be issued.

He recommended (1) That Grand Officers and Inspectors be granted 15 cents a mile one way, when using their own autos on Chapter visitations; (2) That Chapters that were weak and struggling be merged with a strong Chapter near them. He is of the opinion that a Chapter that cannot obtain a quorum for four or more meetings a year is a detriment rather than an asset to Grand Chapter. (3) The use of slides in the explanation of the key to the mysterious characters on the Ark, but Grand Chapter did not approve.

He found that a Past High Priest had used the ceremony of the Past Masters' Degree of the Chapter to install the Master of a Blue Lodge and in the presence of those who were not Chapter Masons. Needless to say, the Past High Priest and the Lodge were reprimanded.

He advocated that the dues of a Companion, if worthy but unable to pay, be remitted. Thus, the dues of 10,949 worthy companions were remitted, the amount totalling \$44,805.00. (We believe the motive was good, but care should be exercised to prevent abuse.)

Reports of the District Inspectors show the companions manifested "a great indication of interest during the year."

It was reported to him that a spurious body had received a State Charter, under the name of The National Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Freemasons, with power granted them to confer the Holy Royal Arch Degree. Joint action was taken against this body by Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter.

Grand Secretary shows disbursements of \$21,837.25. and a net gain of nearly \$5,700.

The Ohio Masonic Home for old and young had an enrolment of 571. It is managed by a board of fifteen trustees from various Masonic bodies, of which Grand Chapter has three. It is doing good work and is in fine shape.

An excellent address was delivered by R. E. Companion B. E. Cartmell on the "Symbolism of Capitular Masonry."

The Capitular Review is by M. E. Companion Carl W. Sperling. He gives Alberta, 1933, one and a half pages, quoting from the address of M. E. Companion Follett.

209 Chapters. 65,951 Members. Net loss, 4,445.

E.G.I.

OKLAHOMA, 1931

The Forty-second Annual Convocation was held at Shawnee on April 22nd and 23rd, 1931.

The G.H.P., M. E. Companion J. W. Rackley, calls upon the assembled companions "to drink again from the fountain of enthusiasm, review the blessings of the year and to plan for the future." Quite a clarion call.

He recommended that the Grand Superintendents "should be required to teach during the evening and do missionary work during the day." After enumerating the many qualifications desired for such positions, he adds: "Give us wise heads. Turn on the steam and let 'er run." He must be a high-pressure salesman. Efficiency, however, is what he is seeking.

Under the heading of "Addenda," he issued three circular letters which are full of colloquialisms—"I am not trying to shoot over your heads." "Don't try to pass the buck." "Don't quit, but work." "Get your note book." "Go your best." "Save the delinquent." "Call on me." We trust such energy and zeal were not in vain.

Alberta was represented by Edward P. Gallup. The Grand Secretary reports a loss of 828 members.

The Fraternal Correspondence is written by Eugene Hamilton. He laments Alberta's lack of comment on activities, but eulogises the choice of quotations. Reciprocity, Kind Sir—Reciprocity!

S.H.M.

OKLAHOMA

The Forty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma was held at El Reno, April 19th and 20th, 1933.

M. E. Companion Watson, Grand High Priest.

Alberta was represented by M. E. Companion Edward Payson Gallup, Oklahoma City.

"Down through the years," the Grand High Priest says, "this Grand Chapter has been guided and guarded by companions who love the Royal Craft—God-fearing men; men who have suffered and sacrificed for the advancement of the principles of our Order." And these are companions imbued with the "intangible something"!

The Grand High Priest's visitations were most extensive. Of one place he says, "In far-away Guymon. A live little Chapter. A splendid conference and royal entertainment." Probably a Chapter on the frontier, and what a "big" Chapter it must be!

A new ritual was adopted and on top of the first page appears the admonition: "Remove not the ancient Landmarks which thy Fathers have set."

He travelled nearly 8,000 miles, wrote about 400 personal letters and, after talking to a few thousand companions, comes to the conclusion "that we are all pretty much alike."

Speaking of the conditions of Masonry he observes, "Inflated membership; too little masonry. Too much brick and mortar, not enough kindness and charity." And then "If men are not truly searching for Light and Truth then we are doomed; but if men are sincere we should encourage them. Inculcate in them a desire to walk as nearly as possible in the footsteps of the Master. Teach them that we are not building material edifices; but spiritual temples."

This Grand Jurisdiction, in common with others, suffered loss of membership but its financial condition is sound.

M. E. Companion Walter M. Rainey elected Grand High Priest. Membership, 9,024. Decrease, 1,398.

J.W.G.

OREGON, 1931

The Seventy-first Annual Convocation was held at Portland April 13th, 1931, George T. Cochran, G.H.P. presiding. The name "Cochrane" sounds home-like, it is quite famous in Alberta.

Distinguished visitors included Stockwell of Dakota (How he travels!), Williams of Washington, Stannard and Brock of Oregon. Alberta was not represented. The G.H.P. welcomed the duly accredited ambassadors "as a recognition of the fact that Royal Arch Masonry is universal throughout the world."

The "Conclusion" of M. E. Companion Cochran's address well befits the man from whom it emanates. It is idealistic, sound and inspiring. It is very rare that we are favoured with such Masonic inspiration from our chosen leaders. He quotes the great Einstein at length, choosing science as his theme, portrays Solomon preparing for the

dedication of the Temple, and concludes his theology in the V.O.T.S.L. Here is the finale: "Be true, regardless of temptation: be honest, even though you suffer thereby: be just, even in your own cause: be tolerant, that no base report may escape your lips." More such messages and less "vain repetitions" about detailed visitations would enhance the prestige of the Capitular world.

We note the glaring heading: "Prayer for Departed Companions." Is this Masonic doctrine, or otherwise?

Loss in membership is 153.

The "Capitular Review" is from the pen of a cunning workman—Walter G. Haines. He has a glimpse of the vision of unity. "Already," he states, "There is discussion of the advisability of combining the Chapter, Council and Commandery into a York Rite body, organized and operated on a basis similar to the Scottish Rite."

Alberta's 1929, 1930 Proceedings meet with his ready favour, and he, like many more, quotes our Foreword.

Under "Canada," he eulogises the eloquent Colonel Ponton; gives a gentle hint to the versatile Prescott of British Columbia; joins with Colorado in uttering a warning that, "De Molay is not an adjunct for Masonry"; and takes issue with the redoubtable "Sol" Hepner of Montana. "That Masonry would be better off if the Shrine were not connected with it in any way." A very courageous stand, Companion Haines.

S.H.M.

OREGON, 1932

The Seventy-second Annual Convocation was held at Salem, Monday, April 11th, 1932, M. E. Companion M. L. Meyers presiding.

Alberta was represented by Companion E. Weider.

The G.H.P. gives a brief resume of the early beginnings of the Grand Chapter. In the year 1857 there were about 12 Royal Arch Masons in Oregon Territory. On June 17th, 1856, the first Chapter was organized, and the first Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter was held in Salem, September 17th, 1861. What romantic history could be unfolded about those early days!

Student loans have answered a good purpose in Grand Chapter. The G. H. Priest recommends that all three bodies of the State consolidate their student funds, in order that same may be more effectively administered. Such is according to modern progress.

Our deep appreciation is hereby accorded to the G. H. Priest for giving us definite information that there are 128 clandestine R. A. Chapters in America. These are spread throughout 26 States. No wonder this "Capitular World" has more or less lost its moorings when so many clandestine bodies are apparently thriving?

M. E. Companion Meyers presents a very thoughtful and business-like address. He reminds his colleagues that "Capitular Masonry in Oregon is not functioning at its best. If Chapters expect to continue, they must realize the necessity of placing at their head men of influence, power and ability." Time and again we have reiterated such a warning.

The Grand Secretary reports a loss of 189 from a membership of

6,752. Calm waters apparently prevail. Fees for degrees were reduced from a minimum of \$35.00 to \$25.00. Aim High, Oregon—Aim High!

The Grand Orator, Companion R. Davis, delivered a short, straight and sincere address on "Faith."

We appreciate the eulogy of Companion Haines, who reviews the Fraternal Correspondence and gives copious quotations from "Alberta." The Oregon reviewer does not hesitate to pass comment and express opinions that appear to be eminently sound and Masonic.

S.H.M.

OREGON

The Seventy-third Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held at Portland, April 10th, 1933.

M. E. Companion D. Bruce Stuart, Grand High Priest.

During his term of office the Grand High Priest travelled over 6,000 miles attending to Grand Chapter work. He assure us "Royal Arch Masonry in Oregon is advancing rapidly." Congratulations! The Grand High Priest is an electrical engineer by profession. No wonder Oregon is growing, with such dynamic (or is it galvanic?) energy behind it.

The report of the Grand Secretary stated that "Chapters have taken more interest in their individual members and the companions are exhibiting greater interest in their Chapters." With economies and careful management he kept the Grand Chapter out of the red side of the ledger. Good.

The Grand Orator's address on "The Basic Equilateral Triangle" was a splendid message replete with thoughtful helps, and a fine elucidation of some of the vital things for which Masonry stands.

The report of the ritual committees laid down an extensive procedure for the examination of visitors who cannot be vouched for; this may be worthy of emulation in other jurisdictions.

A proposal to change the date of annual Convocation was referred to a committee.

A new Life Membership plan was proposed and left over till the next year. The proposed cost is \$75.00, age 21 to 35; \$60.00, 36 to 50, and \$40.00, 51 and over.

Quite an extensive review is given of the Alberta Proceedings for 1931 and a generous quotation from Rev. Bro. Duncan's address on the "Mason at Work."

Carry P. Duncan elected Grand High Priest.

Membership, 6,259. Decrease, 313.

J.W.G.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1932

The One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania was held in Philadelphia on December 27th, 1932, with the Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Thomas N. McKee, in the chair.

The Proceedings also contain a report of the three quarterly sessions of the Grand Chapter.

Alberta's Representative was not present.

It was not found necessary for the Grand High Priest to give any decisions. During the two-year term M. E. Companion McKee was absent from his office 194 days and travelled 35,427 miles. This is a wonderful record.

The distinguished guests, from twelve Grand Chapters, including included one from Ontario. Representatives were present from the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania.

The Grand High Priest was able to visit Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Ontario, in addition to a number of Grand Chapters in the United States.

M. E. Companion Weaver, the incoming Grand High Priest, in addressing the Grand Chapter, said: "Another great problem of our Chapter is leadership. No Chapter can go forward without a good leader. Let us fully realize the necessity for careful planning in the selection of our officers. Awake in them at this time the necessity of arousing the membership to attendance at the meetings and to take an active part in the proceedings of the Chapter. We are not all ritualists, but every one can do his part in arousing the membership to a more complete understanding of Masonry and its application to life."

The Review is written by five members of a committee. Alberta was not reviewed. This was not the fault of Pennsylvania.

Membership, 56,594. Decrease, 2,656.

M. E. Companion Charles H. Weaver, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion Joseph E. Quinby, Grand Secretary.

M. M. D.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1933

The Quarterly Convocations of the Grand Chapter were held in March, June, September and December and the Annual Convocation was held in the City of Philadelphia on December 27th, 1933.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Charles H. Weaver, presided.

While Alberta's Grand Representative was absent from the Annual yet he was present at the Quarterly Sessions.

The Grand High Priest attended the session of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters and of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar in his own state. Although very busy, he found time to visit the Grand Chapters of Quebec, Ontario, Delaware, New York, Rhode Island, Maine, Connecticut, New Jersey, Ohio, Massachusetts, North Carolina, West Virginia and General Grand. A wonderful record.

The Grand High Priest's address concluded as follows: "During the year I have endeavored to develop in the several Chapters a better understanding of just what real companionship means. Have tried at the several conferences of District Deputies to have them carry to their Chapters this same thought. Since our work of conferring degrees has not been so very heavy, I thought we might develop some of the social side of our fraternity by planning something to arouse interest and attendance at our meetings. This has been done to a good extent where it has been planned before the meeting. However, let us con-

tinue during the coming year to impart a better understanding to our membership of Royal Arch Masonry and the lessons to be derived from its study. In this way we can acquaint our companions with the Masonic body in which they hold membership, and have some appreciation of its purpose."

All companions present who had not received the Order of High Priesthood retired during the ceremony of installation of the Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion J. M. Core courteously reviewed Alberta. The reviewing is done by members of the Committee on Correspondence similar to the plan of Alberta.

Pennsylvania has two Mark Lodges in addition to its Chapters. Membership, 53,819. Decrease, 2,607.

M.M.D.

QUEBEC, 1932

The Fifty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Quebec was held in the City of Montreal on March 23rd, 1932. M. E. Companion F. W. Knowlton, Grand First Principal, presided, and five Past Grand Z's were present, also M. E. Companion W. J. Edwards, Alberta's Representative.

Quebec suffered and mourns the loss of two Past Grand Z's, M. E. Companions E. F. D. Chambers and J. A. Cameron.

Apparently one of the qualifications for the Z's chair is that the companion must be a Past Master of a Symbolic Lodge. Six dispensations were issued to overcome this. Why not make it constitutional?

We note that a commission has been issued to R. E. Companion Archie McCurdy as Quebec's Representative near Alberta. Quebec has a good man.

A degree team visited New Brunswick and exemplified the R. A. Degree according to the Canadian Work. New Brunswick adopted this Work.

The Grand Z. visited the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapters of Canada, Vermont, New York, New Jersey. A good record.

A number of Church Services were held at which M. E. Companion Knowlton was present.

We excerpt from the Grand Z.'s address:

"In our Masonic Craft, as a whole, I feel that we should apply the principles of successful business to a greater extent than is now done. Success is largely a question of leadership, and while Grand Chapter is the governing body of our Royal Craft, the efforts of Grand Chapter alone cannot bring success.

"In some ways our Order is, in my opinion, guided too much by custom and precedent, particularly in the selection of those who are to preside for a time over the destinies of its various bodies. The fact that a member is a good fellow, or had held certain Junior Offices, is not in itself a sufficient reason for placing him in a higher office which he is clearly not fitted to fill.

"In a successful business organization that would not be done. The selection should, in every case, be made on the basis of merit and

ability only. Following the same plan in the selection of officers for the Governing Body should result in an organization that would be able to cope with any condition that might arise, and our Craft should be able to meet successfully such conditions as those prevailing in recent years."

Distinguished visitors were present from Canada, Vermont, New York and Massachusetts.

The Grand Chapter of Queensland was recognized.

23 Chapters. Members, 3,762. Decrease, 190.

M. E. Companion Duncan McLellan, Grand Z.

R. E. Companion W. W. Williamson, Grand Scribe E.

M. E. Companion J. Edwards, Correspondent.

M. M. D.

QUEBEC

The Fifty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Quebec was held in the City of Montreal on March 28th, 1933.

M. E. Companion Duncan McLellan, Grand First Principal, presided. Five Past Grand Z's (among them Alberta's Representative, M. E. Companion W. J. Edwards) were present.

Distinguished visitors were present from Ontario, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, New York and Vermont.

Quite a number of Quebec eminent Masons entered the Grand Chapter above. Two were well known in Alberta, R. E. Companion W. H. A. Eckhardt and Thomas Essery, whose loss will be mourned by their Alberta companions.

We do not agree with the provision in Quebec's Constitution which provides that to qualify as a First Principal of a Chapter the companion must have served as Master in a Craft Lodge. It may be desirable, but should not be essential. We think the Grand Z is correct in recommending a change.

M. E. Companion McLellan was most active during the year and found time to visit Ontario, Maine, Vermont, Massachusetts and New York. These visits to other Grand Chapters promote good feeling, and inspires the visiting officer with greater zeal for the Craft.

Permission was granted to a Chapter to attend Divine Service in regalia. While agreeing with the wearing of regalia to Divine Service, we think this should be confined to a Craft Lodge.

Alberta was given a very courteous two-page review by our own Grand Representative.

23 Chapters. 3,523 Members. Decrease, 239.

M. E. Companion A. P. Shatford, Grand Z.

R. E. Companion W. W. Williamson, Grand Scribe E.

M. M. D.

QUEENSLAND, 1932

The Regular Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Queensland was held in the City of Brisbane on October 5th, 1932.

Alberta's Grand Representative was not present.

M. E. Companion R. N. F. Quinn, Grand First Principal, presided.

The Address of the Grand Z. was short, but good. He quoted the following: "Finally, Brethren, whatsoever things are true; whatsoever

things are honest; whatsoever things are just; whatsoever things are pure; whatsoever things are lovely; whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue and if there be any praise, think on these things."

The Mark Master Masons holding dispensation under the Grand Mark Lodge of England have formed the Grand Mark Lodge of Queensland. As the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland holds jurisdiction over the Mark Degree in Queensland this new body of Mark Masons was declared irregular. We fail to see why this new body of Mark Masons cannot throw in their lot with, and be absorbed by, the Grand Chapter. The Mark Grand Lodge is not likely to be recognized by Alberta.

The Cryptic Rite is under the control of the Royal Arch. There are also some Mark Lodges holding dispensation under the Grand Chapter of Queensland. But the government of the Grand Chapter of Queensland is similar to that of Alberta, except that Queensland has, in addition to the three Capitular degrees, the Council degrees. The Proceedings speak of the Red Cross. We do not know whether this is the Red Cross of Constantine or Red Cross of Babylon.

Grand Chapter dues and fees were reduced by 50 per cent.

M.M.D.

QUEENSLAND, 1933

The Annual Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Queensland and the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons was held in the City of Brisbane on April 5th, 1933.

M. E. Companion R. N. F. Quinn, the First Grand Principal, presided.

Alberta's Representative was not present.

Incorporated in the Proceedings were the minutes of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters. In the little volume there is reference to the installation of the W.C.N. Apparently the Grand Chapter controls the degree of Royal Ark Mariner. The writer sees nothing wrong about that.

This copy of the Proceedings is well worth a place in the library of every Royal Arch Mason. Several lectures are reprinted from the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Victoria.

From the Grand First Principal's address we excerpt: "To secure suitable material to put up this winning fight is a vital necessity, and I would urge you to remember that one unsound ashlar will endanger the structure; therefore, exercise the greatest care and discretion in the admission of candidates to your Chapters; be sure that he is a good man and true, that he is a mason at heart as well as in name. It is quality not quantity that is essential."

No action was taken in regard to the trouble between the Grand Chapters of New South Wales and Scotland. The Grand First Principal of Queensland is not only the Grand Representative of Scotland but he is a Past Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and Past Third Grand Principal of the Grand Chapter of Scotland. In the Proceedings he gives Scotland's side of the question. Well worth perusal. He shows wisdom in not severing relations with Scotland.

M. E. Companion R. N. F. Quinn, Grand First Principal.

R. E. Companion T. Livingston, Grand Registrar.

M.M.D.

SASKATCHEWAN, 1931

The Eighth Annual Convocation was held at Saskatoon on Wednesday, February 18th, 1931, M. E. Companion G. F. Burgess presiding.

On opening the volume of Proceedings one meets with the pleasant smiling countenance of the Grand Z. Companion Burgess, a frequent visitor to our Grand Chapter, and the charm of his personality becomes deeper each succeeding year. We may be guilty of being sentimental, but as M. E. Companion Burgess and the writer were made masons in the famous Alberta, No. 3, Macleod, no apologies are offered.

Alberta was represented by Companion J. C. Moore.

The Grand Z. made many parochial calls, the nearby Jurisdictions, Alberta and British Columbia on the west, North Dakota on the south, and Manitoba on the east, being favoured by his presence.

Eureka! In the report of Grand Scribe E. we made the discovery that a net gain of 29 members is gazetted. Saskatchewan, how do you do it? Moreover, "Suspensions were less than last year."

We are always anxious to read the Report on the Condition of Capitular Masonry, which usually reflects the tenor of the whole Jurisdiction. We read the first paragraph, took several deep gasps, rubbed our eyes, gradually recovered from the shock and hurriedly turned to more digestible matter. Here is the paragraph:

"An organization such as ours cannot, from the very nature of its objects and activities, escape from the pressing emergencies which constantly confront society as a whole. Time was, and but recently, when students of the drift of civilization bewailed the degenerating tendencies of an over abundant prosperity."

After discussing the "pressing emergencies of our daily avocations" the committee summarises the whole matter by quoting: "Society is suffering primarily, not from unbalanced budgets and disrupted ententes, but from wrong mental processes." After reading the report, this is obvious.

Honorary Life Memberships were conferred upon our own visiting Grand First Principal, J. M. G. Morrison, and M. E. Companion Fahrni, Grand Z. of Manitoba.

The Report on "Foreign Correspondence" was compiled by a committee of three. Alberta's acts are quoted without comment.

S.H.M.

SASKATCHEWAN

The Tenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan was held in the City of Regina on February 15th, 1933.

M. E. Companion A. R. Orme, Grand Z., presided, and in the Grand East six Past Grand Z.'s were seated. R. E. Companion J. C. Moore, Alberta's Representative, was present, and introduced M. E. Companions J. V. Follett and E. G. Ironside of Alberta. M. E. Companion H. L. Adolph of Manitoba and M. E. Companion Donald Adams of Revelstoke were other distinguished visitors.

The Grand First Principal recommended that the term of the office of Grand Z. be extended to two years. The committee agreed,

with the proviso that the change should not be effective until 1938 unless the line officers were unanimous as to the change.

A Committee on Research and Study was appointed during the year and the companions constituting the same apparently did some good work.

Saskatchewan appears to have had a little trouble with one Chapter, but the tactful manner in which the Grand Superintendent of No. 1 District handled the situation had desirable results.

The members of the Executive are paid one cent per mile for attending the sessions of that committee.

The report of the Committee on Research and Study, which includes papers on the various degrees, is well worth attention by any Alberta companion.

27 Chapters. 2,375 Members. Decrease, 170.

M. E. Companion W. J. Smith, Grand Z.

R. E. Companion J. B. Reilly, Grand Scribe E.

M.M.D.

SOUTH DAKOTA

The Forty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of South Dakota was held in Aberdeen on June 15th, 1933.

M. E. Companion Jess H. Thorpe, Grand High Priest.

Alberta was not represented; we trust that companion Hendrickerson was not ill.

Distinguished Representatives were received from the General Grand Council of the U.S.A.; the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa; the Knights Templar of South Dakota, and the Grand Council of South Dakota.

The Grand High Priest's address makes interesting reading.

The Grand Council at the commencement of the year started on a three-way program: Educational, Membership and Social. The Educational was encouraged by addresses and pamphlets on Masonic subjects exhibited at all Constituent Chapters; not only to educate Masonically, but also to inculcate the principles of morality which are the fruit of the Book which lies open on our Altars.

All Chapters were visited by the Grand High Priest, and during the year two Chapters had surrendered their charters.

Only four dispensations were granted, none refused, and no decisions were requested, which speaks highly on the efficiency of the various Officers.

An amendment to the standard bylaws was passed whereby the Grand Chapter exacted no dues from a Constituent Chapter for a companion whose dues were remitted because of inability to pay.

The Grand Secretary, tersely and truthfully, states: "I firmly believe that a Mason gets a larger return for the money and expense for dues than from any other investment he can possibly make."

A Grand Council of High Priesthood followed immediately after the closing of Grand Chapter.

51 Chapters, 4,465 Members. Loss, 208.

J.V.F.

TENNESSEE

The One Hundred and Fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee was held at Nashville on January 23rd, 1933.

Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Arch E. McClanahan.

Alberta represented by Companion John N. Pigg.

Number of Chapters 84; represented 77.

The Grand High Priest visited all the Chapters in the State, many of them twice. He found witnessing the work of "the other fellow" helpful. More than 1,000 attended one Chapter reunion, with a total of 50 exaltations. Observed encouraging symptoms as to the condition of the Order. "There was desire on the part of companions to better qualify themselves ritualistically and a steady determination to carry on despite depression and other deterrents."

Recommended that the ritual be so changed in certain particulars as to conform to the Blue Lodge text, the reason being that Chapter officers would learn the text more readily.

M. E. Companion Charles A. Snodgrass elected Grand High priest.

Membership, 7,906. Decrease, 796.

J.W.G.

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TENNESSEE, 1934

The One Hundred and Fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Tennessee was held in the City of Nashville on 29th January, 1934, the Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Charles A. Snodgrass, presiding.

Alberta's Grand Representative was absent.

The visitors were really very distinguished. M. E. Companion William T. S. O'Hara, General Grand High Priest; M. E. Companion John H. Anderson, General Grand King; M. P. Companion Robert A. Woods, General Grand Master of the Grand Council, and R. E. Companion William M. Brown of Virginia were cordially received.

We mourn with Tennessee the passing of two distinguished Past Grand High Priests, M. E. Companions Charles Comstock and James H. Swan.

Dispensations issued appear to be quite regular.

The Grand High Priest, who is the author of a volume entitled "Light from the Sanctuary of the Holy Royal Arch," appears to have had a very constructive program. He urged a systematic visitation of Craft Lodges by the Chapters. He also outlined an educational program. During the year, and in his address, he urged consolidation of Chapters where advisable.

We take this from his address: "Let me remind you that 33,000 of these 40,000 faithful Masons of Tennessee have not had *but should have* the Royal Arch Degrees for their own enlightenment and personal benefit, and let me urge you again, as High Priests of your Chapters and true Masonic leaders, to return to your homes inspired with a new vision of usefulness, and exert your leadership to build up the interest and fellowship in your local lodges, and convince those brethren, by your own zeal for the Order, that these Capitular Degrees will mean much to them and open the way for them to a higher and broader understanding of the great truths of Masonry."

It was decided that, where more than three candidates present themselves for the Royal Arch Degree, all above three of the number take seats and witness the ceremony.

Alberta 1932 and 1933 were courteously reviewed by M. E. Companion J. I. Walker, who writes a Report covering seventy pages. He commends Alberta on its restorations.

The Order of High Priesthood held a session and sixteen candidates were anointed.

83 Chapters. 6,899 Members. Decrease, 1,061.

M. E. Companion M. L. Hester, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion Thomas E. Doss, Grand Secretary.

M.M.D.

TEXAS, 1932

The Eighty-third Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in Waco on December 5th, 1932, M. E. Companion W. H. Petty, Grand High Priest, presiding.

Alberta's Representative was not present.

Two decisions of the Grand High Priest will be of interest:

"No. 9—I received a letter on June 9th from S. M. Bridgewater, Secretary of Freeport Chapter, No. 415, as follows: 'Please give us your ruling on the following: Companion W. O. P., a member of Freeport Chapter, No. 415, was suspended from his Lodge for non-payment of dues, which automatically suspended him in the Chapter. He paid his dues in the Lodge and was reinstated after being suspended about two months. Companion W. O. P. is still in arrears to the Chapter for dues. Does he have to pay all back dues to the Chapter before he can be reinstated?'"

"Ruling: Held that all dues in arrears against Companion W. O. P. must be paid to Freeport Chapter, No. 415, before he can be reinstated to membership.

"No. 10—June 30th I received a letter from Companion A. A. McSweeney, Grand Visitor of District No. 67, asking if there is a short form with which to close a subordinate Chapter Convocation and if such short form is authorized, etc.

"Answer: I replied that the Grand Chapter of Texas does not authorize any form for closing a subordinate Chapter other than that taught in the ritual. There is no short form."

The first ruling was not concurred in by the Committee.

Charters of ten Chapters were arrested.

In the appropriation for the succeeding year salaries and allowances were greatly reduced, the Grand Secretary's from \$4,500 to \$3,500.

The Order of High Priesthood held a Session at the close of Grand Chapter.

M. E. Companion Sam J. Helm gives Alberta a courteous review.

383 Chapters. Membership, 37,215. Decrease, 2,084.

M. E. Companion E. M. Wood, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion Thos. M. Bartley, Grand Secretary.

M.M.D.

TEXAS

The Eighty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas was held at Waco on December 4th, 1933.

All the Grand Officers (except the Grand Marshal) and fifteen Past Grand High Priests were present.

E. Companion J. D. Starks, our Grand Representative and a member of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, was on hand.

In his address Grand High Priest E. M. Wood gave complete and detailed particulars of his year's work; showing that he devoted much time, labor and energy to his Masonic duties. He believed that we, as Masons, have withstood the depression unusually well. Owing to present conditions he was inclined to be lenient in certain matters.

Dispensations to resume Labor were issued to fourteen Chapters which had forfeited their right to meet by failing to meet for three consecutive months. If this law were in operation generally most Grand Chapters, in times like the present, would have delinquent Chapters.

He ruled against a Chapter's sponsoring the Order of De Molay. In another decision he ruled that if a companion demits from his Craft Lodge, after six months he ceases to be a member of a Chapter.

He visited twenty of his Chapters and the Annual Convocations of New Mexico and Colorado. He believes each Grand High Priest should visit at least two other Grand Chapters.

He found that their fine Home for Aged Masons was well officered, and in grand condition, and the old boys there are wondering what the world is talking about when hard times and depressions are discussed. However, the home is now not able to accommodate all applicants, and, as finances are declining, the Grand Chapter has asked the Grand Lodge to assume the actual cost of maintaining those Masons in the Home who are not Chapter members.

Texas has 117 Grand Visitors, and some of whom did not do much after accepting the honor. He told these that in failing to report they had impaired the efficiency of the Grand High Priest.

The charters of five Chapters were arrested.

For a number of years the Chapters were not called upon to pay per capita tax to Grand Chapter. One-half of all Initiation fees, paid to Grand Chapter, had sufficed to maintain it, but initiations have decreased, and Grand Chapter is in need and M. E. Companion Wood recommended (and it was adopted) that, for one year, an assessment of 50 cents a member be made. Rightly, he thinks that their financial stability should not be dependent on initiations. He informed all Chapters that delegates to Grand Chapter must pay their own expenses or the Chapters pay them, and that a refund would be made if Grand Chapter so ordered.

The Committee on Work were in session six days prior to the Annual Convocation, imparting instruction in the esoteric work to representatives of 56 Chapters and 39 Grand Visitors.

From the Grand Orator's impressive address we quote: "We have been speeding down the Great Highway of Life in reckless disregard of the rights of others. We have been in too great a rush to be even civil. The old way of spending a day with a friend is out of fashion. Let us think of ourselves less and of our brethren more. There would be no dispute between labor and capital if the Golden Rule was observed, or no controversies to be settled by our courts if we walked by this rule."

The Student Loan Committee were instructed to cease making loans and return all funds to Grand Chapter until the financial situation improved.

The Finance Committee cut down on expenses.

And now we come to the Capitular Review. All who know, approach the Review of M. E. Companion Sam J. Helm with pleasurable anticipation, and again he has not disappointed us. He is the "One and Only." We would like to reproduce in its entirety his review and fearless comment. Space, however, will allow but this: "Bearing in mind the conditions which prevail, we may be consoled that Grand Chapters have veered so little from the true course. Masonry still stand foursquare for righteousness, uprightness and truth, while national conditions are so putrid."

He give Alberta three pages (1932 and 1933) and a favorable review. One comment (1933) is significant; "There is no review, and the Capitular World will miss it. Cannon Middleton always begins with words of wisdom, truly Masonic. The Reviews were an excellent digest of all the Proceedings."

He has no pleasant words for those companions who, although they could, are not remaining in the Order because of adverse times. Under "Illinois" he says: "And the Schools of Instruction—No year excelled them in interest. All previous records were broken. How funny, when, in the last ten years, 21,000 companions dropped out. Where was the loss? It was their money and that only." "Illinois pays mileage and per diem, and sixty-five collected mileage for travelling ten miles. Oh, the love of money!" "Rotten eggs are as suitable for an omelette as rotten men for Masonry."

There are in the United States 152,000 fewer Chapter Masons than in 1927.

274 Chapters. 34,255 Members. Net loss, 2,960.

E.G.I.

VERMONT, 1932

The One Hundred and Fifteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Vermont was held in the City of Burlington, on June 14th, 1932.

M. E. Companion Aaron H. Grout, Grand High Priest, presided and was supported in the Grand East by ten Past Grand High Priests.

Alberta's Grand Representative, E. Companion Howard H. Shufelt, was absent.

The Distinguished Visitors welcomed were the Grand High Priest of Connecticut, and Grand First Principal of Quebec. Representatives were present also from the Grand Jurisdictions of New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island.

We have most kindly feelings for Vermont, for it is just fifteen years since that Grand Jurisdiction did so much for the Grand Chapter of Alberta in paving the way for world recognition.

In the passing of the Deputy Grand High Priest, we sympathize with Vermont and the family of the late R. E. Companion George F. Leland.

District Meetings are held as in Alberta except that the District Grand High Priests are appointed, while in Alberta the officers are elected. It is proposed to cut down the number of districts on account of the improved means of transportation.

The Jurisprudence Committee reports that the Grand High Priest has not the power or authority to waive the enforcement of any By-Law of a Constituent Chapter. If a Chapter wants redress a simple expedient would be to change the By-Law.

This volume also contains the record of the Order of High Priesthood. We quote from M. E. Companion Harriman's Introduction to Correspondence:

"Royal Arch Masonry will survive the present trouble, and come back stronger than of yore. We must wait with good courage until that day dawns. Meanwhile each in his own place must keep watch over that which remains, that nothing truly valuable be lost. Thus shall Capitular Masonry find her salvation."

We here in the North-West have no better advice. Until a better day comes we must guard every interest of the Royal Craft. Perhaps those whom we are now losing in many cases have held us back. We will emerge greater than ever.

30 Chapters. 5,667 Members. Loss, 132.

M. E. Companion Richard T. Bunker, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion Archie S. Harriman, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

M. M. D.

VERMONT

The One Hundred and Sixteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Vermont was held in the City of Burlington on June 13th, 1933.

M. E. Companion Edward W. Curtis, the Grand High Priest, presided, supported by nine Past Grand High Priests. R. E. Companion Howard H. Shufelt, Alberta's Representative, was among those present.

Distinguished visitors were present from Quebec, Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

There was considerable discussion on the new work and more extensive plans were made for its exemplification. It was also decided to continue the P. M. Degree.

A number of resolutions reducing expenditures were passed.

M. E. Companion Harriman writes a splendid review and very courteously gives two pages to Alberta.

29 Chapters. 5,380 Members. Decrease, 287.

M. E. Companion Edward W. Curtis, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion Archie S. Harriman, Grand Secretary.

M. M. D.

VIRGINIA, 1932

The One Hundred and Fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Virginia was held in the City of Richmond on October 25th, 1932, the Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion E. C. Young, presiding.

Eleven Past Grand High Priests were present, and they with others mourn the loss of M. E. Companion J. J. Mattern, P.G.H.P.

E. Companion George C. Scarborough answered the roll call for Alberta.

The Committee on the Higher Education for Children at the Masonic Home is doing good work. Some twenty students are receiving help at college.

The report of the Committee on the Memorial Loan Fund shows 81 students receiving loans, a total of \$22,070.00 being loaned.

Grand Chapter is in control of the Cryptic Rite and the Royal and Select Masters Degrees are conferred within the Chapter.

The Grand Council of Anointed High Priests held a session during the recess of Grand Chapter.

M. E. Companion E. Ferino Heath in his Review deals most liberally with Alberta and covers our 1931 Proceedings very fully. His table of statistics of United States Chapters shows a net loss of 31,427 for the previous year.

Membership, 15,653. Decrease, 989.

M. E. Companion P. M. Shirey, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion James M. Clift Grand Secretary.

M.M.D.

WASHINGTON, 1932

The Forty-eighth Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Washington was held at Aberdeen on May 5th and 6th, 1932. M. E. Companion John G. Heinz, Grand High Priest, presided.

Fifteen Past Grand High Priests graced the proceedings. We note the appointment of L. W. Walkey as their Grand Representative in Alberta.

The Grand High Priest recommended that all constituent Chapters be allocated to convenient groups, and that regional meetings be held. This corresponds to our District Meetings.

For purpose of visitation Chapters were apportioned to certain Grand Chapter officers, and these officials in turn made a report to the Grand High Priest, who incorporated these reports as an addenda to his address. This is a good plan, although we consider Alberta's District or Regional plan is better.

The Order of High Priesthood held a session at the close of Grand Chapter.

M. E. Companion Wesley C. Stone writes the Review and deals with Alberta very courteously.

53 Chapters. 8,697 Members. Decrease, 308.

M. E. Companion William P. Williams, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion Wesley C. Stone, Grand Secretary.

M.M.D.

WASHINGTON

The Seventy-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington was held at Wenatchee on May 11th, 1933.

There were present sixteen Grand Officers, twenty Past Grand High Priests and representatives of forty seven Chapters, and E. Companion Alex Frazier, Grand Representative for Alberta.

The address of Grand High Priest W. P. Williams was complete and detailed. He visited all Chapters, which necessitated much time and travel, and attended many Regional (we call them District) meet-

ings. With thirty-one companions of Spokane Chapter, No. 2, and Colville Chapter, No. 20, he visited Rossland Chapter, No. 4, British Columbia, and graciously remarked: "It is quite evident that these Canadian companions do not leave their Masonry locked up inside their Lodge Rooms, but carry it with them in their every-day walks of life."

He reported that peace and harmony prevailed in all their Chapters, and noted that many of the suspended companions "came in with the tidal wave of curious joiners."

He approved changes in by-laws of many Chapters to reduce the fee for degrees to \$30.00. He recommended "dual membership," which will be considered at the next Annual Convocation.

Each Grand Chapter officer is assigned a number of Chapters to visit and reports to Grand Chapter. A good system and worthy of adoption. Our District Superintendents do this work, but might not the Junior Grand officers aid?

The Grand Orator (an officer we do not have) gave an address on "Man is a Social Being," pointing out that man being a social being constitutes a good reason why fraternal organizations should continue.

Washington lost one of its finest Past Grand High Priests, in the death of William G. Rowland of Tacoma, who was born in Toronto, Ont.

M. E. Companion E. H. Van Patten delivered an excellent address on "A Short History of the Royal Arch Degrees."

It was moved and adopted that M. E. Companion L. E. Hed, a Past High Priest of South Dakota, but now a member of a Seattle Chapter "be enrolled as a member of this Grand Chapter with corresponding rank." Alberta considers that if one of its Chapters accepts for affiliation one who has been an officer of another Jurisdiction, he automatically holds his rank.

An eloquent short address was given by E. Companion W. F. Meier on "Mother." How true is this: "Mother is the world's most precious possession. She is God's noblest handiwork. Without her the human race must, long ago, have perished forever. Nurtured by her tender and loving care, it still lives and is striving to emulate the Master. No love can be like unto that of Mother."

M. E. Companion Wesley C. Stone, Grand Secretary and Reviewer, like many others, has condensed his Review, making few comments. The review of Alberta is brief. He quotes the New York Reviewer thus: "We noted that every Grand High Priest handed a few bouquets to the Grand Secretary in his address, but never threw as much as a dandelion or a chick-weed at the cheerful, conscientious Reviewers."

53 Chapters. 8,105 Members. Net loss, 592.

E.G.I.

WEST VIRGINIA

The Sixty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia was held at Morgantown on the 9th and 10th of October, 1933, with the Grand King, R. E. Companion Robert S. Lemon, in the chair.

We mourn with West Virginia the loss of their Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion John M. Cook, who passed away shortly after his installation. The Apron and Past Grand High Priests' Jewel was presented to his widow at a meeting of the O. E. S.

The Acting Grand High Priest has been most diligent in his work. He visited the Grand Chapters of Ohio and Pennsylvania.

We excerpt from the Grand Secretary's Report: "Early in June, blanks for the returns and reports were sent each Chapter with a letter asking for additional information, requesting the name of any life members they might have, and intimating that Chapters should be careful about suspending members for the non-payment of dues, feeling that the Grand Chapter would aid the Chapters in holding their membership, and calling attention to the reduction in the Capitation Tax, which was made to give the Chapters aid in caring for such members that were unable to pay their dues." This along the lines many Grand Bodies are acting on.

No action was taken regarding the trouble between the Grand Chapter of Queensland and the Mark Grand Lodge of England.

The Report of the Committee on Revision of the Text Books is most interesting and instructive. Most of the decisions are in line with those prevailing in Alberta. The Report is too lengthy to quote in full but we commend to the attention of Alberta companions this particular portion of West Virginia.

The Cryptic Rite is controlled by this Grand Chapter and some of the decisions have a bearing on membership in both Grand Bodies.

In future the Grand Chapter will hold a two-day session instead of a one-day.

No dispensations for New Chapters were given and no Charters granted.

M. E. Companion Ford writes the Correspondence Report and reviews Alberta both for 1932 and 1933. Speaking of a remedy for the decrease in members he says: "Many are appointing 'Welfare Committees.' These committees make an investigation of each case, and, if it is a question if inability to pay, the dues are remitted by the Chapter, and the Grand Chapter remits the capitation tax. The result is that a member is retained and it costs nothing to either body."

Chapters, 46. Membership, 10,288. Decrease, 649.

M. E. Companion Robert S. Lemon, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion George M. Ford, Grand Secretary and Correspondent.

M.M.D.

WISCONSIN, 1932

The Eighty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin was held in the City of Milwaukee, February 21st, 1932. M. E. Companion David O. Stine, Grand High Priest.

Alberta was represented by Companion Geo. W. Bell Hudson, Wisconsin.

Eighty-three years mark "a stretch of time scarcely within the memory of the oldest living person," said the Grand High Priest in opening the Convocation. "Something intangible" he added, "has held us together all that time, has caused our numbers to increase, our influence to be felt in ever widening circles and our joy in fraternal companionship to continue with unabated zeal." That is just it—the Intangible something." Grasp this and you grasp Royal Arch Masonry.

Commenting on a loss in membership he said "The strength of Masonry never lies in numbers, but in the quality and devotion of the membership."

A Chapter for study and research was proposed.

One Chapter surrendered its charter because "there is absolutely no interest." Alberta has heard that expression. The "intangible something" is missing.

Speaking of behaviour within the Chapter, the Grand High Priest said that "at the appointed hour every officer should be at his station and companions promptly should find their seats. The recreation room was never designed to hold your attention during the hour of work. Our work is chiefly in the Royal Arch. If Holy, then a thoughtful reverent attitude should mark our demeanor; if Royal, then a becoming dignity should accompany our ritual."

M. E. Companion Herbert W. Dixon, Grand High Priest for 1933.

Membership, 24,288. Decrease, 1,747.

J.W.G.

WYOMING

The Twenty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Wyoming was held at Sheridan on July 11th, 1933. M. E. Companion William J. Hagans Grand High Priest.

Alberta represented by Companion Walter P. Saunders. Seventeen Chapters represented.

Regarding suspensions the Grand High Priest said in his address: "I feel that we should not suspend a companion without careful investigation and conviction that he does not value his membership."

No rulings nor decisions made. Amdnements to by-laws approved. Visited all the Chapters (18) in his jurisdiction.

The Grand Chapter suspended action with respect to the controversy between the Grand Chapters of Scotland and New South Wales until next Convocation in the hope that those differences in the meantime would be settled.

Grand High Priest 1933-34, M. E. Companion Karl F. Kneisel.

Membership, 2,051. Decrease, 63.

J.W.G.

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ANCIENT CRAFT MASONRY—

Commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it Anno Lucis (A.L.) "in the year of Light." To get the present date add 4,000 years to the common era—1934 and 4,000 equal to 5,934.

ROYAL ARCH—

Date from the year in which the Temple was commenced by Zerubbabel Anno Inventionis (A. I.) "in the year of discovery." Add 530 to the vulgar era—1934 and 530 equal to 2,464.

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS—

Date from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed—Anno Depositionis (A. Dep.) "in the year of the deposit." Add 1,000 to the common era, thus: 1934 and 1,000 equal to 2,934.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR—

Commence their era with the organization of their order Anno Ordinis (A. O.) "in the year of the Order." From the Christian era take 1,118, thus: 1934 less 1,118 equal to 816.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD—

Date from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchisedek—Anno Benefacio (A. B.). To the Christian era add 1913, thus: 1934 and 1913 equal to 3,847.

SCOTTISH RITE—

Same as Ancient Craft Masonry—except the Jewish chronology is used—Anno Mundi (A.M.) "in the year of the world." To get the common era add 3,760, thus: 1934 and 3,760 equal to 5,694. After September add another year.

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The Twenty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter
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